

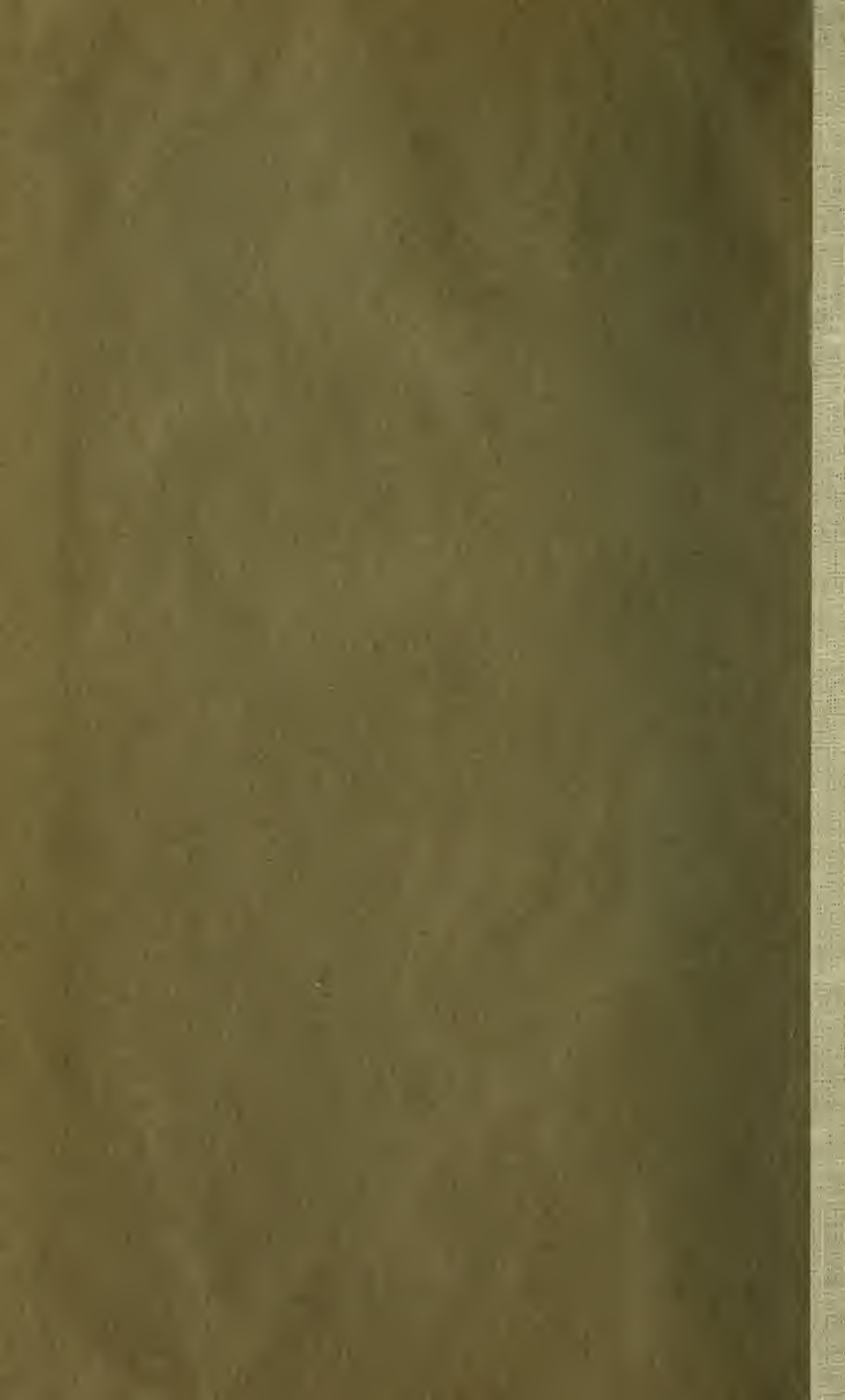
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SEVENTEENTH

# ANNUAL REPORT

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OF THE

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

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AND

## ART GALLERY.

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TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND  
ART GALLERY, HUDDERSFIELD.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my 6th Annual Report, covering the 12 months ended March 31st, 1915; the 17th submitted.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.  
LENDING DEPARTMENT.

The number of **Volumes** in stock in the Central Lending Library is now 30,452, as against 29,399 last year, an increase of 1053.

The replacement of worn out and dirty works of Fiction and Juvenile has been steadily proceeded with, the number of new copies added being 905, making the total number of volumes acquired during the year 1958.

As in previous years, the withdrawn copies have been sent to the Sailors' Rest, Hull (in connection with the Missions to Seamen) and are acknowledged in grateful terms.

The Subscription to Messrs. W. H. Smith for 100 volumes on loan was terminated in December, 1914.

The **Issues** from the Central Lending Library were 216,161 as against 210,727 last year, an increase of 5,434; the daily average issue being 816 as against 800. Taking into consideration the unprecedented

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condition of affairs existent since the beginning of August last, it is gratifying to note that the volume of work has increased in comparison with the corresponding months of last year; each month since that date, with the exception of November, shewing a greater turnover.

An analysis of the returns shews that from the 1st September, 1914 to 31st March, 1915, of the 70 totals entered under Class Headings, 30 shew increases as against 15 increases in 50 corresponding entries in the preceding 5 months.

August is included in the second division, as during that month last year we were closed a full week for painting and cleaning in consequence of which a decrease of just on 5,000 was recorded, consequently in the normal course an increase is shewn on the full month this year.

The issues in the following classes have declined : Religion and Philosophy, 332 or 14.9 per cent. ; Natural Science, 69, or 3 per cent. ; Fine and Useful Arts, 528, or 6.7 per cent. ; Biography, 261, or 11 per cent. ; and Fiction, 723, or 8 per cent., while increases are shewn in Social Science, 25, or 2.3 per cent. ; History and Travel, 37, or .7 per cent. ; Literature, 7, and Juvenile.

The increase in the Juvenile Section for this period, amounting to 7,110 (6,380 Fiction and 730 Non-Fiction) or 46 per cent., is a feature to which I would call particular attention.

We have an excellent and well selected stock of books for Juveniles of 2,809 volumes, of which some 730 are non-fictional. These latter are classified and arranged on the shelves in the same manner as the general non-fictional works in the Library and are, together with the Catalogue of this section issued in 1914, a copy of which was sent to the Head Teacher of each Elementary School in the Borough, an excellent means to a most desirable end, namely, that of attracting the children to and getting them interested in the Public Library and all that it means to them.

By the use of the Catalogue teachers can direct their scholars to the books they should look for with a view to extending their interest in particular directions and at the same time the collection affords the children freedom of choice over a wide range of books.

Each school is also supplied with application forms for Borrowers' Cards for free distribution to scholars leaving school.

It is very desirable that the children should be attracted to the Library, and the methods adopted seem to be working satisfactorily in that direction, judging by the increased use made of this section. My only regret is that owing to limitations of space it is not feasible to extend our activity. What is desirable to fully carry out our purpose is a separate Juvenile Library and Reading Room: the provision of which is impracticable in our present premises.

Taking the figures for the year, increases are shewn in the following classes: Social Science, 110, or 6.7 per cent.; Fiction, 1,392, or .9 per cent.; Juvenile, 5,934, or 24.1 per cent.; and Magazines and Bibliography, 12, or 1.4 per cent.; the decreases in the other classes being Religion and Philosophy, 531, or 14.6 per cent.; Natural Science, 45, or 1.2 per cent.; Fine and Useful Arts, 751, or 5.9 per cent.; History and Travel, 264, or 3 per cent.; Biography, 296, or 8.2 per cent.; and Literature, 127, or 2 per cent. The increase in Juvenile issues shewn above is in Fiction only. Including the Juvenile non-fiction, the increase was 24.5 per cent.

On the whole, the figures are satisfactory, as the details in the foregoing paragraphs indicate; the position during the later months covered by this report shewing an improvement on last year.

The percentage of Fiction issued is 67.7, as against 68.7 last year and is the lowest yet recorded.

The Juvenile Non-Fiction issues for the year were 3,577 as against 2,802, an increase of 775. It is evident that the hope expressed in last year's report, that the publication of the Juvenile Catalogue, together with the distribution of a copy of the same to each elementary school in the Borough, would result in greater use being made of this side of the Library, is in way of fulfilment.

The largest issues from this department since the opening of the Library have been recorded this



year, as follows :—1,677 on Saturday March 15th, 1915 ; and 5,303 for the week February 15th to 20th, 1915, giving a daily average of 1,010.

The number of books in embossed type issued to the Blind was 453 (included in Lending Library total) as against 413 last year, and 399 the previous year.

The number of **Borrowers'** cards in force is 7,770 against 6,990 last year, an increase of 780. Non-Fiction (extra) cards are held by 613 borrowers, as against 601 last year, an increase of 12 ; the total number of cards in force being 8,383 against 7,591, an increase of 792. The number of Juvenile Borrowers, age 11 to 12, is 601 as against 346 ; the number aged 13 to 15, is 695 as against 677 last year.

The number of ratepayer borrowers was 2,362, as against 2,057 ; non-ratepayers 5,408, as against 4,933. The number of male borrowers was 4,069, as against 3,586 ; female borrowers 3,701, as against 3,404.

The publication of lists of additions in the local papers has been in abeyance for some time owing to general conditions. I hope it will be possible to resume this feature, partially, if not in *extenso*, in the near future.

Special lists on various matters have been prepared and displayed at the Library and are well used, as also is a guide shewing the location numbers in the Classification scheme of the Countries involved in the War, and related topics.

## FACILITIES TO TEACHERS.

The Teachers' Special Tickets in force number 70, as against 64 last year; the issues on these have been 467, as against 617 last year.

At Almondbury the numbers are:—tickets 3, last year 2; issues 22, last year 42.

## A COMPARATIVE TABLE

shewing the number of books in stock, the total issues, daily averages, and number of borrowers each year since the opening of the Library, is given herewith. It will be noted that the total issues from this department from the opening of the Library to the end of March last was 2,970,753.

			Books in Stock.	Books Issued.	Daily Av. Issue.	No. of Borrowers
April 22nd,	1898	..	4890			
March 31st,	1899	..	7124	97015	386	4584
„	1900	..	9360	115248	438	4298
„	1901	..	11188	128914	493	4418
„	1902	..	13252	141945	548	4497
„	1903	..	14771	156478	598	5202
„	1904	..	16567	164326	627	5269
„	1905	..	18806	177665	663	5489
„	1906	..	19593	183645	686	5742
„	1907	..	20701	180152	678	5523
„	1908	..	22004	186546	691	5631
„	1909	..	22995	190007	722	6274
„	1910	..	24489	194732	735	6046
„	1911	..	25807	202385	752	6518
„	1912	..	27076	206502	777	6623
„	1913	..	28263	218305	824	6753
„	1914	..	29399	210727	800	6990
„	1915	..	30452	216161	816	7770
Total issues	..	..	..	<u>2970753</u>		

## REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The number of **Volumes** now in stock in the Reference Library is 7,272, as against 6,965 last year, an increase of 307. The number of **works consulted** was 15,280, as against 14,717, an increase of 563. From the table given below, it will be seen that the issue in this Department has doubled since 1910, and with a continuance of the policy of steadily increasing the stock, together with the greater facility in finding and consulting the books resulting on their classification, re-arrangement and numbering, there is every prospect of still greater use being made of it ; though it must be pointed out that it is becoming more and more difficult to find shelving accommodation for new works.

## COMPARATIVE TABLE.

March		Stock.	Issues.	March		Stock.	Issues.
31st	1899	1104	1765	31st	1908	4909	7843
„	1900	1509	1770	„	1909	4977	7966
„	1901	1649	1765	„	1910	5464	7506
„	1902	2175	1808	„	1911	5807	9251
„	1903	3034	2458	„	1912	6208	9220
„	1904	3839	3975	„	1913	6658	9510
„	1905	4298	3574	„	1914	6965	14717
„	1906	4321	5062	„	1915	7272	15280
„	1907	4663	6947				

## PATENT LIBRARY.

The number of Specifications and Journals **consulted** was 704, as against 962 ; the number of persons using this department being 107, as against 154 last year.

Here again the need for more room is apparent, as with the space now available, it is not possible to shelve or store specifications exceeding a period of 15 years. As they exceed this date removal is necessary, and searchers have to be content with the abridgements for particulars of Patents of older date.

### ALMONDBURY BRANCH.

The number of **Volumes** in stock at the Almondbury Branch Library is 2,603, as against 2,475, an increase of 128. The issues during the 12 months were 6,204 (the highest total recorded since the opening of the Branch), as against 5,445, an increase of 759. Last year's figures shewed a decrease of 403, the decline being in Fiction and Juvenile Literature. This year both classes shew increases, and here, as at the Central Library, the use made of the Juvenile Section has largely improved, 613 more volumes having been issued than last year.

The number of **Borrowers** is 208, as against 180, of whom 4 hold non-fiction cards. Juvenile borrowers, aged 11 and 12, number 38 against 28 last year, the number aged 13 to 15 is 24, as against 23.

**The Combined Total of books issued and consulted** at the Central Lending, Reference, and Patent Libraries, and the Almondbury Branch Library for the year was 238,349, as against 231,851, an increase of 6,498. **Total Issue** from all departments **since the opening** of the

Libraries 17 years ago, 3,139,290. The **Total Stock** of books in all departments (exclusive of Patent Library) is now 40,327, as against 38,839, an increase of 1,488.

### BINDING.

The number of volumes sent to the binders for re-binding was 1,851, for re-casing 8, and miscellaneous (re-backing, etc.) 93. In addition some thousands of minor repairs were carried out by the staff.

Last year 1,314 volumes were re-bound and 20 re-cased.

For the School Libraries 283 volumes were sent for re-binding, as against 162 dealt with last year.

### SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

On p. 20 is given a table shewing the issues for the 12 months from the 37 boxes in the 28 Elementary Schools to which books are supplied. The **Total issue** was 33,548, as against 33,631 last year. The stock of books is 2,102.

On the return of the boxes, in July last, the contents were thoroughly overhauled, the re-binding noted above attended to, a large amount of repairing, re-labelling, etc., carried out and 252 volumes to replace worn out and dirty books were ordered, prepared for issue, and put into circulation.

All administrative work is carried out by the Librarian and staff at the Central Library, the cost



of renewals, stationery, and other materials being charged to the Education Committee whose property the School Libraries are.

## ART GALLERY.

The following Exhibitions have been on view during the 12 months—The 22nd Annual Exhibition of the Huddersfield Art Society, April 1st to May 2nd, 1914 (part period); Permanent Collection (Oil Paintings and Water Colours) May 23rd to August 15th; The 8th Autumn Exhibition of Oil Paintings and Water Colours (Artists' Contributions, by invitation) September 10th to November 28th; Exhibition of Etchings and Engravings, January 2nd to February 13th, 1915; and the 23rd Annual Exhibition of the Huddersfield Art Society, opened on March 18th.

The number of visitors was as follows:—

Art Society, April 1st to May 2nd, 4½ weeks, (part period) .. ..	3690
Permanent Collection, May 23rd to August 15th (estimated) .. ..	2555
Autumn Exhibition, September 10th to November 28th, 11½ weeks .. ..	9150
Exhibition of Etchings and Engravings, January 2nd to February 13th, 6 weeks .. .. .	4282
Art Society, March 18th to 31st, 2 weeks (part period) .. .. .	1309
Total .. .. .	<u>20986</u>

The number of visitors to the Autumn Exhibition was 365 greater than last year's total, the average weekly number being 796. Two pictures were sold.

The Exhibition of Etchings was the first of its kind to be held in the Gallery, and was a source of much interest. Six of the Exhibits were sold.

The usual Opening Ceremony of the Huddersfield Art Society's Exhibition was this year dispensed with, it being felt undesirable to hold it under the circumstances of the time. In its stead the use of the Gallery was granted to the Society on Wednesday, March 17th for a private view, the Exhibition being thrown open to the public on the following day.

The three oil paintings mentioned in last year's report are still on loan to the Blackpool Art Gallery Committee.

No additions of Oil Paintings or Water Colours have been made to the Permanent Collection during the year by purchase. One gift has been received, a water colour, "Chapel of Edward the Confessor, Westminster Abbey," by the late Miss Annie Wood, bequeathed by the artist.

The Collection of Turner Engravings "England and Wales" has been increased by the purchase of 27 prints. These have been framed in similar manner to those previously presented. The number of prints in the collection is now 82, leaving 20 to be still acquired to complete the set.

## STAFF.

One change on the staff has taken place this year, Athol Vickerman, junior assistant, resigning to take up a position under the Education Committee. In his place Harry Townend was appointed.

At the Library Association Examinations, held in May, 1914, Mr. Goulden was successful in passing Section III. Classification (and now holds four certificates), and Mr. Boardman in Section VI., Library Routine.

## GENERAL.

The resignation, on account of leaving the town, of Mr. T. K. Mellor, F.R.A.S., who had been a co-opted member of the Committee since 1903, was tendered in September of last year and accepted with regret.

Mr. J. H. Dransfield, LL.B. and Mr. R. A. Hopkinson were added to the Committee as co-opted members.

A slight outbreak of fire occurred in May, 1914 among some waste paper at the bottom of the staircase near the lift. No damage was done.

Certain recommendations were made to the Estate Office in connection with this matter with a view to minimising the risks of a further outbreak. Correspondence was continued until the end of September, but beyond the provision of an electric lamp, to obviate the use of naked lights (one of the recommendations), nothing has been carried out.



Two portable fire extinguishers have been provided for the Library and Art Gallery by the Chief Constable in accordance with a resolution of the Finance Committee dated August 14th, 1914.

The Chief Constable wrote on 10th February last drawing attention to the necessity of the provision of blinds, which were accordingly obtained and fixed.

Reference must again be made to the pressing need for a building with greater accommodation. All departments suffer in this respect, consequently at busy times the work is carried on under conditions difficult alike to staff and borrowers.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obedient servant,

FREDK. C. COLE,

Librarian and Curator.

TABLE I.—Shewing the number of volumes in the Libraries at March 31st, 1914, the number added during the year, the number transferred, and the total number at March 31st, 1915.

LENDING LIBRARIES.		CENTRAL.				ALMONDBURY.		
Class.		March 31st. 1914.	No. added.	Trans. to Almondbury.	Total at Mar. 31st, 1915.	March 31st, 1914.	No. added inc. transfers.	Total at Mar. 31st, 1915.
A. Religion and Philosophy	..	1650	51	..	1701	102	1	103
B. Social Science	..	1197	63	2	1258	65	4	69
C. Natural Science	..	1388	42	1	1429	177	4	181
D. Fine and Useful Arts	..	3139	150	2	3287	184	10	194
E. History, Geography, and Travel	..	3596	193	..	3789	354	6	360
F. Biography	..	2053	64	..	2117	260	1	261
G. Language, Literature, and Poetry	..	2320	94	..	2414	226	..	226
H. Fiction	..	10519	320	..	10839	886	95	981
J. Juvenile	..	2735	74	..	2809	221	7	228
K. Magazines and Bibliography	..	802	7	..	809	..	..	..
Totals	..	29399	1058	5	30452	2475	128	2603

REFERENCE LIBRARY.		
6965	307	7272

TABLE II.—Shewing the number and classification of the volumes issued during the year 1914-15.

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.											
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	Totals
April, 1914 ..	246	126	309	988	605	254	505	11728	2053	52	16866
May, ..	252	142	341	1015	667	291	462	12442	2221	42	17875
June, ..	247	110	308	863	595	195	387	10848	1931	46	15530
July, ..	250	97	244	934	610	217	407	11666	1879	57	16361
August, ..	224	141	266	872	710	232	361	12505	2345	46	17702
September, ..	247	135	294	889	714	266	492	12072	2185	61	17355
October, ..	292	169	298	1133	854	313	650	13388	2853	68	20018
November, ..	248	163	312	922	732	312	518	11949	2754	71	17981
December, ..	222	145	277	935	733	268	605	11281	2891	83	17440
January, 1915..	293	175	341	1146	831	312	612	13489	3133	94	20426
February, ..	295	156	348	1108	763	315	532	11929	2786	131	18363
March, ..	296	177	342	1154	782	314	588	13019	3445	127	20244
Totals .....	<b>3112</b>	<b>1736</b>	<b>3680</b>	<b>11959</b>	<b>8596</b>	<b>3289</b>	<b>6119</b>	<b>146316</b>	<b>*30476</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>216161</b>
Class per centage	1·4	·8	1·7	5·5	4·0	1·5	3·0	67·7	14·0	·4	100
Last year	3643	1626	3725	12710	8860	3585	6246	144924	*24542	866	210727
	1·7	·8	1·8	6·0	4·2	1·7	3·0	68·7	11·7	·4	100
Almondbury ..	22	11	68	50	247	45	46	3913	1800	2	6204
Last year ..	19	24	76	52	253	70	69	3695	1187	..	5445

\*Note—Juv. Non-fiction is now counted in under respective class headings.

## REFERENCE LIBRARY.

In the Reference Library 15280 volumes were consulted during the same period. Last year 14717.  
In the Patent Library 704 Specifications and Journals were consulted. Last year 962.

TABLE III.—Shewing the Total Annual Issues in each Class, and each Department.

Year ended Mar. 31st.	CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.											Alm'-nd-bury Branch.	Refer-ence Library.	Patent Library.
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	Total.			
1899	1486	536	1491	2795	4012	1865	2377	71377	11025	51	97015	..	1765	..
1900	1404	506	1673	3116	4891	1971	2469	88049	11073	96	115248	..	1770	..
1901	1416	687	1692	3801	5121	2312	2620	99162	11922	181	128914	..	1765	..
1902	1541	645	1853	5364	5028	2551	2850	108380	13216	517	141945	..	1808	..
1903	2193	728	2202	6693	5645	2860	3090	113837	17497	1733	156478	..	2458	†736
1904	2794	1248	2545	7700	6031	2702	3048	115953	21204	1101	164326	..	3975	880
1905	2777	1286	2776	9168	6291	2870	3448	123459	24370	1220	177665	..	3574	676
1906	2942	1552	2936	9311	6624	3017	4063	126653	25211	1336	183645	*782	5062	576
1907	2844	1723	2323	8837	6481	3117	4756	123408	25735	928	180152	5176	6947	924
1908	2981	2292	2082	9607	6450	3157	4947	126682	27296	1052	186546	4470	7843	1002
1909	2958	2073	2459	9093	6875	3511	5174	130187	26762	915	190007	3871	7966	1381
1910	3413	1874	2695	9223	6486	3099	5019	135340	26890	684	194732	3695	7506	1231
1911	3826	1720	3202	10825	7703	3611	5624	140172	25196	506	202385	4181	9251	1598
1912	3551	1755	3541	11745	8739	4013	5665	143259	23626	608	206502	5129	9220	1178
1913	3575	1684	3687	11871	8763	3607	5573	149257	29687	601	218305	5848	9510	931
1914	3643	1626	3825	12710	8860	3585	6246	144824	24542	866	210727	5445	14717	962
1915	3112	1736	3680	11959	8596	3289	6119	146316	30476	878	216161	6204	15280	704

\* Almondbury Branch opened February, 1906.

† Patent Library transferred from the Town Hall, July, 1902.

TABLE IV.—Shewing the Sex and Ages of Borrowers.

	CENTRAL.		ALMONDBURY.	
	Ordinary Cards.	Non-Fiction Cards.	Ordinary Cards.	Non-Fiction Cards.
(A.) Number of Ratepayers .. ..	2362	257	37	1
Number of Non-Ratepayers .. ..	5408	356	171	3
Totals .. ..	7770	613	208	4
		8383		212
Total number of Tickets in force .. ..		8595		
(B.) Number of Males .. ..	4069	..	81	..
Number of Females .. ..	3701	..	127	..
Totals .. ..	7770	..	208	..
(C.) Ages of Borrowers (Non-Ratepayers only) :—				
11 to 12 .. ..	601	..	38	..
13 to 15 .. ..	695	..	24	..
16 to 20 .. ..	958	..	21	..
21 to 30 .. ..	1000	..	21	..
31 to 40 .. ..	348	..	10	..
41 to 60 .. ..	177	..	2	..
61 and over .. ..	36	..	1	..
Not stated .. ..	1593	..	54	..
Totals .. ..	5408	..	171	..



## SCHOOL LIBRARIES ISSUES,

April 1st, 1914, to March 31st, 1915.

SCHOOLS.		ISSUES.			
MIXED.		No. of Boxes.	Non- Fiction.	Fiction.	Totals.
Bradley National	.. ..	1	215	643	858
Crosland Moor Council	.. ..	2	183	885	1068
Crosland Moor National	.. ..	1	199	684	883
Deighton Council	.. ..	1	257	685	942
Lindley National	.. ..	2	732	1993	2725
Lockwood National	.. ..	1	300	757	1057
Longwood National	.. ..	1	227	695	922
Lowerhouses C. E.	.. ..	1	149	437	586
Moldgreen C. E.	.. ..	1	179	557	736
Newsome National	.. ..	1	357	740	1097
Outlane Council	.. ..	1	458	988	1446
Paddock Council	.. ..	3	352	1572	1924
Spring Grove Council	.. ..	2	1003	1737	2740
Woodhouse National	.. ..	1	300	800	1100
BOYS.					
Berry Brow Council	.. ..	1	272	746	1018
Goitfield Council <sup>1</sup>	.. ..	1	64	155	219
Moldgreen Council	.. ..	1	235	872	1107
Mount Pleasant Council	.. ..	2	319	1498	1817
Oakes Council	.. ..	2	579	1496	2075
Paddock National <sup>2</sup>	.. ..	1	144	401	545
Stile Common Council	.. ..	1	496	892	1388
GIRLS.					
Berry Brow Council	.. ..	1	108	472	580
Moldgreen Council <sup>3</sup>	.. ..	1	147	729	876
Mount Pleasant Council	.. ..	2	151	1055	1206
Oakes Council <sup>4</sup>	.. ..	2	177	1576	1753
Paddock National	.. ..	1	374	772	1146
Spark Hall Council	.. ..	1	70	447	517
Stile Common Council	.. ..	1	289	928	1217
Totals	.. ..	37	8336	25212	33548

1. No books circulated June, 1914. 2. No reports for May, June and December, 1914. 3. No report for June, 1914. 4. No report for April, 1914.

# LIST OF PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS IN READING ROOMS.

\* Presented. L Issued from the Lending Library, as books, after withdrawal from the Reading Rooms.

R Bound and placed in the Reference Library.

A Almondbury. † Sent to Almondbury after use at the Central.

## DAILIES.

Birmingham Daily Post.  
Daily Chronicle.  
A do.  
Daily Citizen.  
Daily Dispatch.  
Daily Graphic.  
A do.  
Daily Mail.  
Daily News.  
A do.  
Daily Telegraph.  
A do.  
Financial Times.  
Freeman's Journal.  
Huddersfield Chronicle.  
A do.  
Huddersfield Examiner.  
A do.  
Leeds Mercury.  
A do.  
Liverpool Post.  
Manchester Courier.  
Manchester Evening News.  
Manchester Guardian.  
Newcastle Chronicle.  
Scotsman.  
Sheffield Telegraph.  
Standard.  
R Times.  
A do.  
Westminster Gazette.  
Yorkshire Daily Observer.  
A do.  
Yorkshire Evening News.  
A do.  
Yorkshire Evening Post.  
A do.  
Yorkshire Post.  
A do.  
WEEKLIES.  
† Amateur Photographer.  
Athenæum.  
\* Board of Trade Journal.  
Braille Literary Journal.

\* British Architect.  
† British Australasian.  
British Weekly.  
Builder.  
Bystander.  
Canada.  
\*A do.  
Christian World.  
Chums.  
A do.  
\* Civil Service Candidate.  
Clarion.  
\* Clark's Educator.  
\* Common Cause.  
\* Contractors' Record.  
\* Co-operative News.  
Country Life.  
Economist.  
Electrical Engineering.  
Electrical Review.  
†\* Electrician.  
Engineer.  
Engineering.  
† English Mechanic.  
Era.  
Everyman.  
A do.  
Exchange and Mart.  
Factory Times.  
Farm and Home.  
Field.  
Gardeners' Chronicle.  
Gardening.  
A do.  
Gentlewoman.  
Graphic.  
Guardian.  
Halifax Courier.  
Hospital.  
R Huddersfield Chronicle.  
A do.  
R Huddersfield Examiner.  
A do.  
Illustrated London News.  
\* India.

- \* Journal of the Royal Society of Arts  
Labour Leader.  
A do.  
† Ladies' Field.  
Lady.  
A do.  
Lady's Pictorial.  
Machinery.  
\* Motor Traction.  
\* Municipal Journal.  
\* Musical News.  
Nation.  
National Insurance Gazette.  
Nature.  
New Age.  
New Statesman.  
Newcastle Chronicle.  
R Notes and Queries.  
\* Practical Engineer.  
A do.  
† Public Opinion.  
R Punch.  
A do.  
† Queen.  
Saturday Review.  
School Government Chronicle.  
Schoolmaster.  
Schoolmistress.  
Sketch.  
\* Social Gazette.  
South Africa.  
Spectator.  
Sphere.  
A do.  
Tatler.  
Teachers' Aid.  
\* Textile Mercury.  
Truth.  
A do.  
Work.  
A do.  
Worker.  
A do.  
† World.  
Yorkshire Weekly Post.  
MONTHLIES.  
\* Agricultural Economist.  
\* Animal World.  
\* Animals' Friend.  
R Architectural Review.  
Army List.  
Badminton Magazine.  
L Blackwood's Magazine.  
\* Board of Trade Labour Gazette.  
Book Monthly.  
R Bookman.  
Boy's Own Paper.  
\* British Esperantist.  
Captain.  
Cassell's Magazine.  
A do.  
Century.  
Chambers's Journal.  
A do.  
\* Chemical Engineering.  
Children's Magazine.  
\* Christadelphian.  
\* Church Gazette.  
\* Clerk.  
\* Cold Storage.  
R Connoisseur.  
L Contemporary Review.  
\* Cook's Traveller's Gazette.  
\* Co-partnership.  
L Cornhill Magazine.  
R Dyer.  
\* Educational Review.  
Educational Times.  
Engineering Review.  
L English Review.  
\* Englishwoman.  
\* Epoch.  
\* Esperanto.  
Ethical World.  
L Fortnightly Review.  
\* Gas and Oil Power.  
† Girl's Own Paper.  
Harper's Magazine.  
Highway.  
\* Hosiery Trade Journal.  
\* Insurance Agent and Insurance  
Review.  
Journal of the Board of Agriculture.  
\* Jus Suffragii.  
R Knowledge.  
Lady's Realm.  
A do.  
\* Liberator.  
Literary Guide.  
Literary World.  
A do.  
London Magazine.  
A do.  
Machine Woodworker.  
\* Matron.  
†\* Musical Herald.  
Musical Times.  
\* Musicians' Report and Journal.  
Nash's Magazine.  
R National Home Reading Union :—  
General Course Magazine.  
Special Course Magazine.  
Young People's Magazine.  
R Naturalist.  
L Nineteenth Century.  
L North American Review.



- \* Our Animal Brothers.
- \* Patents and British Machinist.  
Pearson's Magazine.
- A do.
- \* Plumber and Decorator.
- \* Plumbing Trade Journal.
- \* Returns of Deaths of Seamen.  
Review of Reviews.
- A do.
- \* Revuo.
- \* Round World.
- \* St. Nicholas.
- † Scribner's Magazine.
- \* Shoe Manufacturer's Monthly.  
Strand Magazine.
- A do.
- R Studio.
- † Sunday at Home.
- R Textile Manufacturer.
- R\* Textile Recorder.
- \* Universal Patents Bureau Sales  
Journal.
- \* University Correspondent.
- \* War and Peace.  
Wide World.
- Windsor Magazine.
- A do.
- \* Wings.
- \* Wireless World.
- Woman at Home.
- A do.
- † World's Work.
- \* Y.M.C.A. Record.
- Young England.
- \* Zoophilist.

## BI-MONTHLY.

British Printer.

## QUARTERLIES.

- \* Bible Student.
- \*A do.
- \* Bird Notes and News.
- L Candid Quarterly Review.
- L Church Quarterly Review.
- L Economic Journal.
- L Edinburgh Review.
- L Eugenics Review.
- \* Herald of Health.
- L Hibbert Journal.
- L Political Quarterly.  
Progress.
- L Quarterly Review.
- L Sociological Review.
- Socialist Review.

## HALF-YEARLY.

- R Journal of Roman Studies.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES—Bradshaw. The following\* :—Cambrian, Furness, Glasgow and South-Western, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, Highland, Lancashire and Yorkshire, London and North-Western, London and South-Western, London Brighton and South Coast, Metropolitan, Midland, North British, North-Eastern, South Eastern.

## DONORS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, AND PERIODICALS.

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- ACCOUNTANTS and Auditors, Society of, London. Incorporated Accountants' Year Book, 1914-1915.
- ALLEN, Mrs. L. L., Ilfracombe. From poverty to power; by James Allen.
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- ARMSTRONG, C. W. (the Author). Mystery of existence.
- AUSTRALIA. High Commissioner for, London. Australia to-day, 1914. Official Year Book of the Commonwealth of Australia, No. 7, 1901-1913.
- BENNETT and Co., Birmingham. Bennett's Business Directory, Northern Counties, 1914.
- BIBBY and Sons, Liverpool. Bibby's Annual, 1914.
- BRITISH Museum Trustees. Catalogue of the cretaceous flora, pt. 1. Catalogue of Cuneiform tablets (Supp.) Catalogue of engraved British portraits, v. 4. Wall Decorations of Egyptian Tombs. Supplementary catalogue of Hindi books.
- BUXTON Road Wesleyan Sunday School, Huddersfield. Historic Sketch and Centenary Celebrations, 1812-1912.
- CAIRNS, Dr. D. L., Huddersfield. Outlines of classification of plants; by Dr. K. Groebel. Shakespeare characters; by C. C. Clarke. Shakespeare key; by C. & M. C. Clarke.
- CAMBRIDGE: University Correspondence College. Calendar, 1914-1915.
- CANADA, High Commissioner for, London. Canada Year Book, 1913. Dominion of Canada: Report of the Department of Trade and Commerce, parts 1 and 2, 1913-1914.
- CANADIAN Government Emigration Agent, Liverpool. Opportunities in Canada. (6 copies).
- CARTER-Jepson Publishing Co., Ltd., London. The Export Merchant Shippers. 2 vols.
- CITY and Guilds Institute, London. Department of Technology; Programme, 1914-1915; Report, 1913-1914.
- CRANE, Crane and Co., London. London and Provincial directory and buyer's guide, 1914-15.
- "THE Economist," London. Report of the International Commission to inquire into the causes and conduct of the Balkan Wars.

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- GORDON, E. A. (the author). The Temples of the Orient and their message.
- HEATON, J. (the author). Bradford's first freeman : Sir Henry Mitchell.
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- HUDDERSFIELD : Inspector of Weights and Measures. Report for the year ending March 31st, 1914.
- HUDDERSFIELD : Secretary of Education. Report for the year ended 9th November, 1914.
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- HUDDERSFIELD Industrial Society. Co-operative Wholesale Societies, Ltd., Annual for 1915.
- HUDDERSFIELD Textile Society. Journal, 1913-1914.
- HUMANITARIAN League, London. Killing for sport ; ed. by H. S. Salt.
- JUBB, Alfred, Huddersfield. The Woollen Thread ; by C. Vickerman.
- LEAMINGTON : Town Council. Warwick and Leamington ; by G. Morley and E. W. Haslehurst. (2 copies).
- LEE, Philip H., Huddersfield. Huddersfield Girls' College : Distribution of prizes, August 8th, 1879. Huddersfield Sunday School Centenary Memorial, 1880.
- LEEDS University : Seton, R. S., B.Sc. Agricultural experiments reports, Nos. 89, 90, 91, 92, and 93. (Phts.)
- LEEDS University Senate. University of Leeds Calendar, 1914-1915.
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- McClymont, J. R. (the author). Characters in outline. Land of false delight. Metrical romances and ballads.

- MACDONALD and Co., Edinburgh. English directory and gazetteer, 1915, 2 vols.
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- "THE Nation," London. Liberal Party and a second chamber. (4 phts.)
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- OUR Animal Brothers' Guild, Bristol. Our Animal Brothers, vol. 9, 1914.
- PATON, J. and J., London. Paton's List of schools and tutors, 1914.
- PAUL, Stanley, and Co., London. German Spies in England ; by W. Le Queux, (2 copies).
- PEACE Society, London. Mr. Carnegie on "Universal Peace." (20 copies).
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- SELLS, Ltd., London. Newcastle and Gateshead Chamber of Commerce Year Book and Commercial Directory, 1914. Twentieth century impressions of Canada ; by F. J. Boam.

- SHEFFIELD Public Libraries Committee and the Compilers.  
Descriptive catalogue of the Charters, rolls, deeds,  
pedigrees, etc., forming the Jackson Collection.
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- TOWN and County Directories, Ltd., Edinburgh. Halifax,  
Huddersfield and district trades directory, 1914-1915.
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Counties of England trades directory, 1914.
- TRINITY College of Music, London. Calendar, 1915.
- WATKINSON, J., Huddersfield. Tales from "Blackwood."  
12 vols.

Newspapers and periodicals presented regularly :—

- By Councillor E. A. Beaumont, "Jus Suffragii."  
,, Mr. F. Clarkson, "Esperanto," "La Revuo."  
,, Committee of the W.T.A.U., per Mrs. Denham, "Wings."  
,, Mr. J. S. Crowther, "The Clerk."  
,, Mr. T. Haworth, "Musicians' Report and Journal."  
,, Mr. J. Heywood, "The Christadelphian."  
,, Huddersfield Chamber of Commerce, "Board of Trade  
Labour Gazette."  
,, Huddersfield Group, British Esperanto Association,  
"The British Esperantist."  
,, Miss Parratt, "Animal World."  
,, Mrs. Studdard, "Englishwoman," "Women's Suffrage,  
The Common Cause."  
,, Miss Tolson, "The Round World."  
,, Mrs. Woodhead, Slaithwaite, "Herald of Health."

NOTE.—The other periodicals marked \* in the List on pages  
21-23 are presented by the Publishers or Proprietors.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Lithograph ; by Peace Sykes. Presented by Mr. D. McLellan,  
Huddersfield.

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#### PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORTS.

Annual Reports from a number of Public Libraries have  
been received, and are hereby acknowledged.



# COUNTY BOROUGH OF HUDDERSFIELD.

## Public Library and Art Gallery Fund Account for the year ended March 31st, 1915.

EXPENDITURE.		LIBRARY.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages	.....	571	1	3			To Balance brought forward from last year's account	.....	11	11	7
Furniture, Fittings and Repairs	.....	40	17	3			Rate of 1d. in the £ for the year	.....	2050	0	0
Advertising, Printing and Stationery	.....	83	13	3							
Rent, Rates, Taxes and Water	.....	210	19	5							
Fuel and Lighting	.....	118	4	4							
Insurance	.....	8	10	1							
New Books and Binding	.....	621	12	5							
Newspapers and Periodicals	.....	116	10	5							
Subscriptions to Societies	.....	7	14	6							
Cleaning Materials, Librarian's Disbursements and Miscellaneous	.....	35	13	7							
						1814	16	6			
ART GALLERY.											
Salaries and Wages	.....	100	12	2							
Furniture and Fittings	.....	3	16	0							
Advertising, Printing and Stationery	.....	65	4	6							
Rent, Rates, Taxes and Water	.....	50	19	2							
Fuel and Lighting	.....	16	5	6							
Purchase of Pictures	.....	22	11	6							
Framing Pictures	.....	17	0	3							
Selecting and Hanging Pictures	.....	23	3	8							
Collection and Carriage of Pictures	.....	47	2	8							
Insurance	.....	12	7	6							
Curator's Disbursements, Hire of Plants, etc.	.....	5	14	4							
						364	17	3			
ALMONDBURY BRANCH LIBRARY.											
Wages	.....	30	14	0							
Newspapers and Magazines	.....	21	12	9							
Fuel, Lighting, Rates and Miscellaneous	.....	23	2	2							
						75	8	11			
Credit Balance, March 31st, 1915	.....					96	13	1			
						£2351	15	9			
ART GALLERY.											
Salaries and Wages:—											
Contributed by J. F. Ramsden, Esq. towards Caretaker's Wages as agreed						5	0	0			
Sale of Vouchers, Catalogues, etc.						59	16	5			
Fines	.....					149	1	6			
Bank Interest	.....					30	5	4			
						244	3	3			
ART GALLERY.											
Commission on Sales of Pictures	.....					2	16	0			
Sales of Catalogues	.....					6	0	5			
						8	16	5			
ALMONDBURY BRANCH LIBRARY.											
Interest on Investments	.....					33	6	8			
Fines, Vouchers, etc.	.....					3	17	10			
						37	4	6			
						£2351	15	9			

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OF THE

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YEAR ENDED MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 1916.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.





TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND  
ART GALLERY, HUDDERSFIELD.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my 7th Annual Report, covering the 12 months ended March 31st, 1916; the 18th submitted.

The **Combined Total** of books issued and consulted at the Central Lending, Reference, and Patent Libraries, and the Almondbury Branch Library for the year was 238,915, as against 238,349, an increase of 566. (See Table III., page 19).

Under present conditions, and following an increase of 6,498 last year, such a result can only be regarded as most satisfactory in all respects. The great majority of Public Libraries during the past two years have reported considerable decreases in all departments.

The Total Issue from all departments since the opening of the Libraries, 18 years ago, is 3,378,185.

The **Total Stock** of books in all departments (exclusive of Patent Library) is now 40,626, as against 40,327, an increase of 299. (Table I., page 17).

## CENTRAL LIBRARY. LENDING DEPARTMENT.

The number of **Volumes** in stock in the Central Lending Library is now 30,395, as against 30,452, a decrease of 57. 732 new books have been added during the year; as against 1,058 last year; the decrease in the net total being due to the transfer of 29 vols. to the Almondbury Branch, and the withdrawal of 760 worn out books, which, being out of print, have been written off. The number of books coming under this category is on the increase and the proportion of replacements as against new and recent works will become higher than has hitherto been the case.

In addition to the new works above noted, 221 worn out volumes have been replaced, making the total number added during the year 953; and where necessary replacement is being proceeded with as secondhand and remainder copies can be obtained. The withdrawn copies have mostly been sent to the Sailors' Rest, Hull (in connection with the Missions to Seamen) where they are gratefully received, and distributed amongst the boats.

The **Issues** from the Central Lending Library were 215,636, as against 216,161, a decrease of 525; the daily average issue being 807, as against 816. (See Table II., page 18).

The following classes shew decreases: Religion and Philosophy, 108, or 3.4 per cent.; Fine and

Useful Arts, 464, or 3.9 per cent. ; History and Travel, 382, or 4.4 per cent. ; Biography, 119, or 3.6 per cent. ; Literature and Poetry, 105, or 1.7 per cent. ; Fiction, 8,013, or 5.5 per cent. ; increases being recorded in Social Science, 310, or 17.8 per cent. ; Natural Science, 41, or 1.1 per cent. ; Juvenile, 7,849, or 25.7 per cent. ; and Magazines and Bibliography, 565, or 64.3 per cent. The increase in Class B, Social Science, is probably due to interest in International Relations and Law, Naval and Military Administration and kindred subjects being stimulated by the War ; and in Class K, Magazines, &c., for the same reason, greater use has been made of the reviews, which after withdrawal from the Reading Rooms, are issued from the Lending Library in the same way as books. It is rather surprising that in Class E, History and Travel, a decrease is shewn. A large number of works upon the War and the Countries involved have been added, a list of which has been printed and distributed, copies also being displayed at the Library, and these books have been extensively used. It is encouraging to note the sustained increase in the use of the Juvenile section of the Library, a matter to which I drew attention at some length in last year's report. That the children are becoming more and more attracted to, and interested in, the Library and all that it means to them, is shewn both by the larger issues in this section and the greater number of Juvenile borrowers, and is a hopeful sign for the future. The Juvenile section is most useful as a

means of training them to make fuller use of the general Library as they become older. An examination of the Class percentages given in Table II., page 18, will reveal that there is very little diminution in the proportion of use of the works in the Non-fiction Classes.

The percentage of Fiction issued is 64.1, the lowest yet recorded, as against 67.7 last year, which was the lowest up to that date. It should be borne in mind, too, that this percentage is based on the Lending Library issues only, and is relatively much lower when the other departments are taken into consideration. The Juvenile Non-fiction issues for the year were 5,345, as against 3,577.

The number of books in embossed type issued to blind readers was 425 (included in Lending Library total), as against 453 last year and 413 the previous year. The provision of these books is a much appreciated boon.

The number of Overdue books written for during the year was 1,082, and 917 post cards for Bespoken books were sent out.

The number of **Borrowers'** cards in force (Table IV., page 20) is 7,659, as against 8,383, a decrease of 724. Non-fiction (extra) cards are held by 566 borrowers, as against 613 last year, a decrease of 47. The number of Juvenile Borrowers, age 11-12, is 706, as against 601; the number aged 13-15 is 749, as against 695.

The number of ratepayer borrowers is 1,920, as against 2,362 ; Non-ratepayers 5,173, as against 5,408. The number of male borrowers was 3,635, as against 4,069 ; female borrowers 3,458, as against 3,701.

The following Special Lists of Books have been prepared and displayed in the Lending and Reference Libraries and are well used :—The War ; Dyeing, Bleaching, Sizing, etc. ; Textiles and Textile Manufactures ; The Brontës ; Mexico ; Local Government, Town Planning, etc.

“ The War ” ; “ Dyeing ” ; and “ Textiles ” Lists, and Lists of Recent Additions, have, by courtesy of the Editors, been published in two of the Local papers, and Reprints obtained. These have been distributed on application at the Lending Library, and have been well taken up. Copies of the two latter have also been sent to the Departments of the Technical College concerned with these subjects, and are there displayed. A Special List on Embroidery and Art Needlework has also been prepared on request and sent to the Art Department. It is hoped by this means greater use of the books by the Students attending the College may be induced.

An appeal was received in November, 1915, from Mr. A. T. Davies, Board of Education, for books for Civilian Prisoners interned at Ruhleben. From a list of available books which was sent to him, 9 volumes were selected and forwarded.

## ALMONDBURY BRANCH.

The number of **Volumes** in stock at the Almondbury Branch Library is 2,757, an increase of 31. The **Issues** during the 12 months were 5,270, as against 5,812, a decrease of 542.

The number of **Borrowers** is 158, as against 217, of whom 5 hold Non-fiction Cards.

## BINDING.

The number of volumes sent to re-bind was 1,412. Last year 2,162 volumes were re-bound.

For the School Libraries 128 volumes were sent for re-binding, as against 217 last year.

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

On page 15 is given a table shewing the issues for the 12 months from the 37 boxes in the 28 Elementary Schools to which books are supplied by the Education Committee. The **Total Issue** was 32,473, as against 32,505 last year.

It is to be regretted that a large number of these books are in very dirty condition, the whole stock needing drastic weeding out and replacement. The issue to the children of books in such condition will have, it is to be feared, anything but a good effect upon the handling of books issued from the Public Library to such of them as are borrowers.

## ART GALLERY.

The following are the Exhibitions and the attendances during the 12 months :—

Huddersfield Art Society, May 17th to June 24th, 1916, 5½ weeks	... ..	5915
Permanent Collection, and Oil Paintings lent by Mr. Robt. Hopkinson, July 15th to Jan. 20th, 1917	... .. (Estimated)	4577
Lithographs (Senefelder Club), Feb. 3rd to March 3rd, 1917, 4 weeks	... ..	3970
Huddersfield Art Society, March 24th to March 31st, 1 week (part period)	... ..	1201
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The Exhibition of Lithographs was the result of revival of a proposal for such an Exhibition 12 months earlier, and was justified by results. The attendance was good and much interest was evinced in the works, particularly by people engaged in the Printing and Allied Trades. The framed exhibits were supplemented by prepared litho stones and zincs ; drawings and prints from the same, and a litho hand-press. Descriptive notes and a brief bibliography were a feature of the catalogue much appreciated by visitors.

An oil painting "Richmond," by the late J. H. Fearnley, was presented, and two others lent, to the Art Gallery by Mrs. Fearnley.

#### GENERAL.

In September, 1916, the North Central Library Association was formed, and the Chairman, (Mr. Councillor Geo. Thomson, J.P.) and myself were appointed to the Council of this New Branch.

A well attended meeting of this Association was held at Huddersfield in March, the use of the Council Chamber and Reception Room at the Town Hall being granted by the Mayor, Ald. W. H. Jessop, J.P. The subject under discussion was "The Relation of the Public Library to the School."

On the closing down of the business of the late Mr. J. E. Shaw, photographer, opportunity was taken to acquire a number of negatives comprising local portraits and views. Prints from these should form the nucleus of an interesting and increasingly valuable collection.

A visitor, detected in the mutilation of a newspaper, was prosecuted, resulting in a fine of 20 shillings and costs.

Owing to paper restriction and with a view to reducing the bulk of this report, the usual List of Donors of books, etc. has been omitted. Forty volumes, fifty-one pamphlets,

framed facsimile letters respecting services of 2nd W. Yorks. Yeomanry Cavalry, 1848, and a Celestial Globe have been presented during the year, to the Donors of which the thanks of the Committee have been conveyed.

Much gratification was felt at the receipt, on Feb. 16th, of a communication from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees, notifying their intention of securing the services of a "Library Expert," who, together with the Secretary (Mr. A. L. Hetherington, M.A.), would pay a visit to Huddersfield to investigate further the application for a library building grant which had been sent to them on behalf of this Committee.

Desirable extensions of the Library's activities are unfortunately precluded by the unsuitability and inadequacy of our present premises. Every department suffers from this cramping and condition of overcrowding.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

FREDK. C. COLE,

Librarian and Curator.

TABLE I.—Shewing the number of volumes in the Libraries at March 31st, 1916, the number added during the year, the numbers withdrawn and transferred, and the total at March 31st, 1917.

LENDING LIBRARIES.										
Class.	CENTRAL.						ALMONDBURY.			
	March 31st, 1916.	No. added.	No. of Withdrawals	Trans. to Almondbury.	Total at March 31st, 1917.		March 31st, 1916.	No. added inc. transfers.	Total at March 31st, 1917.	Percentg
A. Religion and Philosophy ..	1766	20	3	..	1783	5.8	105	1	106	3.9
B. Social Science ..	1314	75	2	1	1386	4.3	77	4	81	2.9
C. Natural Science ..	1453	56	2	..	1507	4.8	182	2	184	6.6
D. Fine and Useful Arts ..	3354	103	2	2	3453	11.1	216	6	222	8.1
E. History, Geography, and Travel	3916	125	1	1	4039	12.9	375	4	379	13.7
F. Biography ..	2165	45	..	..	2210	7.1	264	1	265	9.6
G. Language, Literature, and Poetry	2500	70	2	..	2568	8.2	232	..	232	8.5
H. Fiction ..	10349	110	37	..	10422	34.1	1038	..	1038	37.7
J. Juvenile ..	2762	43	8	..	2797	9.1	237	13	250	9.0
K. Magazines and Bibliography ..	816	15	86	..	745	2.6	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	30395	662	143	4	30910	100.0	2726	31	2757	100.0

REFERENCE LIBRARY.			
7505	353	..	7858

TABLE II.—Shewing the number and classification of the volumes issued during the year 1916-17.

## CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	Totals	D. Av
April, 1916 ..	240	149	270	887	636	261	471	11533	3143	129	17719	920
May, ..	198	122	304	904	613	207	501	11450	2999	116	17414	749
June, ..	232	120	312	797	620	244	462	10961	2911	126	16785	730
July, ..	201	158	294	786	638	206	395	10521	2866	98	16163	703
August, ..	238	158	278	713	604	200	402	10268	2753	99	15713	676
September, ..	276	191	278	818	671	241	484	10654	2607	102	16322	787
October, ..	280	239	393	932	853	315	642	11197	3412	102	18365	798
November, ..	288	239	359	1014	904	325	623	11738	3571	75	19136	860
December, ..	231	175	288	827	720	268	524	11007	3118	90	17248	821
January, 1917..	302	193	350	1039	788	300	522	12464	3677	86	19721	848
February, ..	282	175	324	913	705	305	526	11445	3214	89	17978	856
March, ..	321	199	377	1042	826	344	567	13512	3688	110	20986	874
Totals ....	<b>3089</b>	<b>2118</b>	<b>3827</b>	<b>10672</b>	<b>8578</b>	<b>3216</b>	<b>6119</b>	<b>136750</b>	<b>*37959</b>	<b>1222</b>	<b>213550</b>	<b>802</b>
Class per centage	1·4	1·0	1·8	5·0	4·0	1·5	2·9	64·0	17·8	·6	100	..
Last year	3005	2046	3621	11495	8214	3170	6014	138303	*38325	1443	215636	807
	1·4	·9	1·7	5·3	3·7	1·4	2·8	64·1	18·1	·6	100	..
Almondbury ..	32	13	39	53	130	47	53	3781	1122	..	5270	52
Last year ..	11	5	78	53	163	60	30	3768	1636	8	5812	59

Central Library open 266 days. Last year, 266½ days.

Almondbury Branch open on 102 days. Last year, on 99 days.

\*Note—Juv. Non-fiction is now counted in under respective class headings.

## REFERENCE LIBRARY.

In the Reference Library 6755 volumes were consulted during the same period. Last year 7224.

In the Patent Library 707 Specifications and Letters were consulted during the same period. Last year 722.

TABLE III.—Shewing the Total Annual Issues in each Class, and each Department.

Year ended Mar. 31st.	CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.												Alm'nd- bury Branch.	Refer- ence Library	Patent Library
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	Total.	D. Av			
1899	1486	536	1491	2795	4012	1865	2377	71377	11025	51	97015	386	..	1765	..
1900	1404	506	1673	3116	4891	1971	2469	88049	11073	96	115248	438	..	1770	..
1901	1416	687	1692	3801	5121	2312	2620	99162	11922	181	128914	493	..	1765	..
1902	1541	645	1853	5364	5028	2551	2850	108380	13216	517	141945	548	..	1808	..
1903	2193	728	2202	6693	5645	2860	3090	113837	17497	1733	156478	598	..	2458	†736
1904	2794	1248	2545	7700	6031	2702	3048	115953	21204	1101	164326	627	..	3975	880
1905	2777	1286	2776	9168	6291	2870	3448	123459	24370	1220	177665	663	..	3574	676
1906	2942	1552	2936	9311	6624	3017	4063	126653	25211	1336	183645	686	*782	4642	576
1907	2844	1723	2323	8837	6481	3117	4756	123408	25735	928	180152	678	5176	4337	924
1908	2981	2292	2082	9607	6450	3157	4947	126682	27296	1052	186546	691	4470	4827	1002
1909	2958	2073	2459	9093	6875	3511	5174	130187	26762	915	190007	722	3871	4959	1381
1910	3413	1874	2695	9223	6486	3099	5019	135340	26890	684	194732	735	3695	4557	1231
1911	3826	1720	3202	10825	7703	3611	5624	140172	25196	506	202385	752	4181	5959	1598
1912	3551	1755	3541	11745	8739	4013	5665	143259	23626	608	206502	777	5129	6138	1178
1913	3575	1684	3687	11871	8763	3607	5573	149257	29687	601	218305	824	5848	5425	931
1914	3643	1626	3825	12710	8860	3585	6246	144824	24542	866	210727	800	5445	7639	962
1915	3112	1736	3680	11959	8596	3289	6119	146316	30476	878	216161	816	6204	7664	704
1916	3004	2046	3721	11495	8214	3170	6014	138303	38325	1443	215636	807	5812	7224	960
1917	3089	2118	3827	10672	8578	3216	6119	136750	37959	1222	213550	802	5270	6755	707

\* Almondbury Branch opened February, 1906.

† Patent Library transferred from the Town Hall, July, 1902.



TABLE IV.—Shewing the Sex and Ages of Borrowers.

				CENTRAL.		ALMONDBURY.	
				Ordinary Cards.	Non-Fiction Cards.	Ordinary Cards.	Non-Fiction Cards.
(A.)	Number of Ratepayers	..	..	1762	272	21	2
	Number of Non-Ratepayers	..	..	4981	326	137	3
	Totals	..	..	6743	598	158	5
(For Totals in previous years see Compar. Table p. 6).				7341		163	
Total number of Tickets in force				7504			
(B.)	Number of Males	..	..	3275	..	43	..
	Number of Females	..	..	3468	..	115	..
	Totals	..	..	6743	..	158	..
(C.) Ages of Borrowers (Non-Ratepayers only) :—				732	..	23	..
11 to 12				816	..	40	..
13 to 15				801	..	15	..
16 to 20				723	..	6	..
21 to 30				349	..	5	..
31 to 40				206	..	1	..
41 to 60				30	..	..	..
61 and over				1324	..	47	..
Not stated				4981	..	137	..
Totals				..	..	..	..



## SCHOOL LIBRARIES ISSUES,

April 1st, 1916, to March 31st, 1917.

SCHOOLS.			ISSUES.			
MIXED.			No. of Boxes.	Non- Fiction.	Fiction.	Totals.
Bradley National	..	..	1	306	921	1227
Crosland Moor Council	..	..	2	332	1138	1470
Crosland Moor National	..	..	1	198	620	818
Deighton Council	..	..	1	220	722	942
Lindley National	..	..	2	447	1448	1895
Lockwood National	..	..	1	256	802	1058
Longwood National	..	..	1	152	665	817
Lowerhouses C. E.	..	..	1	112	326	438
Moldgreen C. E.	..	..	1	225	630	855
Newsome National <sup>1</sup>	..	..	1	124	385	509
Outlane Council <sup>2</sup>	..	..	1	87	336	423
Paddock Council	..	..	3	235	1720	1955
Spring Grove Council	..	..	2	692	1586	2278
Woodhouse National	..	..	1	243	774	1017
BOYS.						
Berry Brow Council	..	..	1	158	521	679
Goitfield Council <sup>3</sup>	..	..	1	136	342	478
Moldgreen Council	..	..	1	221	806	1027
Mount Pleasant Council	..	..	2	441	1746	2187
Oakes Council	..	..	2	579	1700	2297
Paddock National <sup>4</sup>	..	..	1	162	458	620
Stile Common Council	..	..	1	487	1134	1621
GIRLS.						
Berry Brow Council	..	..	1	199	656	855
Moldgreen Council	..	..	1	106	787	893
Mount Pleasant Council	..	..	2	130	1151	1281
Oakes Council	..	..	2	318	1837	2155
Paddock National	..	..	1	361	849	1210
Spark Hall Council	..	..	1	19	234	253
Stile Common Council	..	..	1	248	985	1233
Totals			37	7194	25279	32473

1. No reports sent for January, February, March, 1917.

2. Only five reports sent.

3. Only six reports sent.

4. No report sent for March, 1917.

# LIST OF PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS IN READING ROOMS.

\* Presented. L Issued from the Lending Library, as books, after withdrawal from the Reading Rooms.

R Bound and placed in the Reference Library. F Filed for Reference.

A Almondbury. † Sent to Almondbury after use at the Central.

## DAILIES.

Birmingham Daily Post.  
Daily Chronicle.  
A do.  
Daily Dispatch.  
Daily Graphic.  
A do.  
Daily Mail.  
Daily News.  
A do.  
Daily Telegraph.  
A do.  
Financial Times.  
Freeman's Journal.  
Huddersfield Examiner.  
A do.  
Leeds Mercury.  
A do.  
Liverpool Post.  
Manchester Evening News.  
Manchester Guardian.  
Newcastle Chronicle.  
Scotsman.  
Sheffield Telegraph.  
R Times.  
A do.  
Westminster Gazette.  
Yorkshire Daily Observer.  
A do.  
Yorkshire Evening News.  
A do.  
Yorkshire Evening Post.  
A do.  
Yorkshire Post.  
A do.

## WEEKLIES.

† Amateur Photographer.  
F Board of Trade Journal  
† F British Australasian.  
British Weekly.  
F Builder.  
Bystander.

Cambridge Magazine.  
F Canada.  
\* A do.  
Christian World.  
Chums.  
A do.  
Clarion.  
\* Contractors' Record.  
\* Co-operative News.  
Country Life.  
Economist.  
F Electrical Review.  
† \* F Electrician.  
F Engineer.  
Engineering.  
† English Mechanic.  
Era.  
Everyman.  
A do.  
Exchange and Mart.  
Factory Times.  
Farm and Home.  
Field.  
Gardeners' Chronicle.  
Gardening.  
A do.  
Gentlewoman.  
Graphic.  
Guardian.  
Halifax Courier.  
Hospital.  
R Huddersfield Examiner.  
A do.  
Illustrated London News.  
\* F Journal of the Royal Society of Arts  
Labour Leader.  
A do.  
† Ladies' Field.  
Lady.  
A do.  
Lady's Pictorial.  
\* London Gazette Supplements.  
Machinery.  
\* Motor Traction.  
F Municipal Journal.

- \* Musical News.  
Nation.
- F National Insurance Gazette.
- F Nature.  
New Age.  
New Statesman.  
Newcastle Chronicle.
- F Pitman's Journal.
- \* Practical Engineer.  
do.
- † Public Opinion.
- R Punch.  
do.
- † Queen.  
Saturday Review.
- F School Government Chronicle.  
Schoolmaster.  
Schoolmistress.  
Sketch.
- F South Africa.  
Spectator.
- R Sphere.  
do.
- A do.  
Tatler.  
Teachers' Aid.
- \*<sub>R</sub> Textile Mercury.  
Truth.  
do.
- A War Office Weekly Casualty Lists.
- F Work.  
do.
- A do.  
do.
- † World.  
Yorkshire Weekly Post.

## FORTNIGHTLIES.

- R Dyer.
- R Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry.
- F National Food Journal.

## MONTHLIES.

- \* All the World.
- \* Animal World.
- \* Animals' Friend.
- R Architectural Review.
- F Athenæum.
- F Badminton Magazine.
- L Blackwood's Magazine.
- \*<sub>F</sub> Board of Trade Labour Gazette.
- R Bookman.  
Boy's Own Paper.  
Braille Literary Journal.
- \*<sub>F</sub> British Esperantist.
- F British Architect.  
Captain.

- Cassell's Magazine.  
do.
- A do.
- F Century.
- F Chambers's Journal.  
do.
- Children's Magazine.
- \* Christadelphian.
- \* Church Gazette.
- \* Clerk.
- \* Cold Storage.
- \* Common Cause.
- R Connoisseur.
- L Contemporary Review.
- \* Co-partnership.
- L Cornhill Magazine.  
Dickensian.  
Drawing.
- F Engineering Review.
- L English Review.
- \* Englishwoman.
- \* Epoch.
- \* Esperanto.
- L Fortnightly Review.
- \* Gas and Oil Power.
- R Geographical Journal.
- † Girl's Own Paper.
- F Highway.
- \* Hosiery Trade Journal.
- \* Insurance Agent and Insurance Review.
- F Journal of the Board of Agriculture
- R Journal of the Chemical Society.
- \* Jus Suffragii.  
Literary Guide.  
Literary World.  
do.
- A London Magazine.  
do.
- A Machine Woodworker.
- F Musical Times.
- \* Musicians' Report and Journal.  
Nash's Magazine.
- R National Home Reading Union :—  
General Course Magazine.  
Special Course Magazine.  
Young People's Magazine.
- R Naturalist.
- L Nineteenth Century.
- R Notes and Queries.
- \* Our Animal Brothers.  
Pearson's Magazine.  
do.
- A Plumber and Decorator.
- \*<sub>F</sub> Plumbing Trade Journal.
- \* Returns of Deaths of Seamen.
- F Review of Reviews.  
do.
- A do.
- \* Round World.

- †F Scribner's Magazine.
- \* Shoe Manufacturer's Monthly.
- Strand Magazine.
- A do.
- R Studio.
- † Sunday at Home.
- R Textile Manufacturer.
- \*R Textile Recorder.
- \* Universal Patents Bureau Sales Journal.
- \* University Correspondent.
- \* War and Peace.
- Wide World.
- Windsor Magazine.
- A do.
- \* Wings.
- \*F Wireless World.
- Woman at Home.
- A do.
- †F World's Work.
- \* Y.M.C.A. Record.

## BI-MONTHLIES.

- R British Printer.
- R Poetry Review.

## QUARTERLIES.

- \* Bible Student.
- \*A do.
- \*F Bird Notes and News.
- L Church Quarterly Review.

- L Economic Journal.
- L Edinburgh Review.
- F Educational Times.
- L Eugenics Review.
- \* Herald of Health.
- L Hibbert Journal.
- R Knowledge.
- L Political Quarterly.
- F Progress.
- L Quarterly Review.
- L Round Table.
- F Russia Quarterly.
- Socialist Review.
- F Twentieth Century Russia.

## HALF-YEARLY.

- R Journal of Roman Studies.

## OCCASIONAL.

Army List.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES—Bradshaw, Great Central, Great Northern, Lancashire and Yorkshire, London and North-Western, Midland.

## APPENDIX.

TABLE 1.—GENERAL.

Population... .. (estimated)	115,000
Amount of Rate ... ..	$\frac{3}{4}$ d.
Cost of Library Service per inhabitant... ..	2.6d.
*Total cost of Library per inhabitant ... ..	4.7d.
No. of Branches ... ..	1
No. of Staff (Whole Time) :	
Male (3 on active service) ... ..	5
Female ... ..	9
No. of Staff (Part Time) :	
Male ... ..	1
Female ... ..	1

\* Includes Art Gallery expenditure.

TABLE 2.—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

INCOME :—					Percentage of Total.
From Rate ... ..	£1612				71.8
Library Receipts (Fines, Catalogues, etc.) ... ..	£286				12.7
*Other sources ... ..	£347				15.5
Total ... ..	£2245				100.0
* Includes Art Gallery and Credit Balance, 1916.					
LIBRARY SERVICE EXPENDITURE :					
Books ... ..	£366				16.3
Binding and Repairing ... ..	£109				4.8
Newspapers and Periodicals ... ..	£105				4.7
Fittings and Furniture ... ..	£24				1.1
Printing and Stationery ... ..	£68				3.0
Salaries ... ..	£590				26.3
Total ... ..	£1262				56.2

**TABLE 2.—Continued.**

FABRIC CHARGES (Library Pro- portion) :						Percentage of Total.
Rents	...	...	...	...	£165	7.3
Rates and Taxes	...	...	...	...	£47	2.1
Upkeep of Building	...	...	...	...	£47	2.1
Heating and Lighting (including wages)	...	...	...	...	£228	10.2
Total	...	...	...	...	£487	21.7
Art Gallery	...	...	...	...	£249	11.1
Almondbury Branch	...	...	...	...	£76	3.4
Credit Balance	...	...	...	...	£171	7.6
Total Expenditure	...	...	...	...	£2245	100.0

**TABLE 3.—STOCKS.**

	Lending Libraries. Central.	Branch.	Reference Library.
No. of vols. at beginning of year	30395	2726	7505
No. of vols. withdrawn during year ... ..	147	—	—
Additions during year... *(including 482 Replacements)	*1144	31	353
Total vols. at end of year	30910	2757	7858
Volumes per head of population	1 per 3.4		1 per 14.6

**TABLE 4.—ISSUES.**

	Totals.	Daily Average.
Central Lending Library	213,550	802
Branch Library	5,270	52
Reference Library recorded issues	7,462	28
Reference Library Open Shelves (estimated)	14,000	53
Issues from Lending Library per head of population	1.9	



**TABLE 5.—BORROWERS.**


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No. of Actual Borrowers	...	...	...	...	6901
Percentage of Borrowers to population	...	...	...	...	6.0
No. of Supplementary Readers' Tickets held	...	...	...	...	603
Total Borrowers' Tickets in use	...	...	...	...	7504
(valid for one year).					

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF HUDDERSFIELD.



TWENTIETH

# ANNUAL REPORT

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OF THE

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YEAR ENDED MARCH 30TH, 1918.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.



TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ART  
GALLERY, HUDDERSFIELD.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN.

I have pleasure in submitting my 9th Annual Report, covering the 12 months ended March 30th, 1918; the 20th submitted.

The **Combined Total** of books issued and consulted at the Central Lending, Reference, and Patent Libraries, and the Almondbury Branch Library for the year was 239,377, an increase of 13,095. (See Table III., page 15).

The **Total Issue** from all departments since the opening of the Libraries, 20 years ago, is 3,843,844.

The **Total Stock** of books in all departments (exclusive of Patent Library) is now 42,406, an increase of 881. (See Table I., page 13).

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

The **Number of Volumes** in stock is now 31,483, an increase of 573. 628 new books were added during the year, and 55 worn out volumes have been written off. The number of worn out volumes replaced was 428, making the total number of volumes acquired during the year 1,056.

The number of worn out volumes awaiting replacement has steadily risen during the past two years, and there are now some 2,000 waiting to be dealt with. It is hoped that considerable improvement may be effected this year.

The **Issues** from the Central Lending Library were 225,834—the highest yet recorded—an increase of 12,284;

the daily average issue being 863, as against 802. (See Table II., page 14).

Increases are shewn in the following classes : Social Science, 249 ; Natural Science, 378 ; Fine and Useful Arts, 851 ; History and Travel, 62 ; Biography, 143 ; Fiction, 3,896. Decreases were recorded in Religion and Philosophy, 8 ; Literature and Poetry, 279 ; Juvenile, 2949 ; Magazines and Bibliography, 15.

The Juvenile Non-fiction issues for the year were 4,777, as against 4,276.

The percentage of Fiction issued was 66.7.

The number of books in embossed type issued to blind readers was 619, as against 646 last year.

The number of overdue books written for during the year was 1,327, last year 1,523 ; and 1,484 post cards for Bespoken Books were sent out, against 966 last year.

The number of **Borrowers' Cards** in force (Table IV., page 16) is 8,437, as against 7,341, an increase of 1,096. Non-fiction (extra) Cards are held by 1,020 borrowers, as against 598, an increase of 422. This increase is due, to a large extent, to the fact that commencing in December last the necessity for filling in a second application form was done away with by arranging for an indication of the wish for these cards to be filled in on the application form for the ordinary borrowers' card.

The collection of books for the Camps Library has been continued, and 66 volumes and 415 magazines have been forwarded.

It is a matter for some surprise and regret that more use has not been made of the facilities offered to wounded soldiers for borrowing books. Cards are issued, to such as apply, without formality of any kind. Only 8 of these cards have been applied for.



The list of books on Chemistry and Chemical Technology mentioned in last report as under revision preparatory to publication was, by courtesy of the proprietors, printed by sections in the "Huddersfield Examiner," following which 200 reprints were obtained for distribution. The list extends to 32 pages and is in fair demand.

Arrangements have been made for the publication of a list of books on Commerce and Trade contained in the Library. This is now in course of compilation, but owing to conditions at present prevailing progress is slow. In connection with this work it was found when the Government Blue Books, Reports, etc., were being re-arranged and catalogued, that there were gaps here and there; also, the Chamber of Commerce having ceased handing these works over to us as they were received from H.M. Stationery Office, it was decided to purchase such as were required to complete the sets to date. Application was also made requesting that this Library be placed on the List of Libraries to which such publications are distributed. This application was, on request, repeated in March, the date at which the list is revised, but nothing further has, so far, been heard of the matter.

#### FACILITIES TO TEACHERS.

The Teachers' Special Cards in force number 150, as against 130 last year; the issues on these being 737, as against 647.

At Almondbury the numbers are :— Cards, 3; last year 4; issues, 10; last year, 25.

#### A COMPARATIVE TABLE

shewing (Lending Library only) the number of books in stock, the total issues, daily averages, and number of borrowers each year since the opening of the Library, is given herewith

			Books in Stock.	Books Issued.	Daily Av. Issue.	No. of Borrowers
April 22nd,	1898	...	4890			
March 31st,	1899	...	7124	97015	386	4584
"	1900	...	9360	115248	438	4298
"	1901	...	11188	128914	493	4418
"	1902	...	13252	141945	548	4497
"	1903	...	14771	156478	598	5202
"	1904	...	16567	164326	627	5269
"	1905	...	18806	177665	663	5489
"	1906	...	19593	183645	686	5742
"	1907	...	20701	180152	678	5523
"	1908	...	22004	186546	691	5631
"	1909	...	22995	190007	722	6274
"	1910	...	24489	194732	735	6046
"	1911	...	25807	202385	752	6518
"	1912	...	27076	206502	777	6623
"	1913	...	28263	218305	824	6753
"	1914	...	29399	210727	800	6990
"	1915	...	30452	216161	816	7770
"	1916	...	30395	215636	807	7093
"	1917	...	30910	213550	802	6743
"	1918	...	31483	225834	863	7417
Total issues	...	...	...	3625773		

A Special Book-mark was prepared and distributed to borrowers with a view to checking the pencilling in, and turning down corners of pages, which is unfortunately so prevalent.

#### REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The number of volumes now in stock in the Reference Library is 8,119, an increase of 261. The number of works consulted was 7,254, as against 6,755, an increase of 499.

A volume of the Library Edition of Ruskin's Works was damaged by writing and ink marks upon some of the plates. Every effort was made to trace the individual concerned, who gave an address in a neighbouring town, but unfortunately without result.

## COMPARATIVE TABLE.

April	Stock.	Issues.	March	Stock,	Issues.
22nd 1898	486		31st 1908	4909	4827
March			1909	4977	4959
31st 1899	1104	1765	1910	5464	4557
1900	1509	1770	1911	5807	5959
1901	1649	1765	1912	6208	6138
1902	2175	1808	1913	6658	5425
1903	3034	2458	1914	6965	7639
1904	3839	3975	1915	7272	7664
1905	4298	3574	1916	7505	7224
1906	4321	4642	1917	7858	6755
1907	4663	4337	1918	8119	7254

## PATENT LIBRARY.

The number of Specifications and Journals consulted was 572, as against 707 last year ; the number of persons using this department being 77, as against 97.

Increased accommodation which would avoid the removal of Specifications more than 15 years old would tend to a greater use being made of this department. Searchers frequently require the full specification details of old patents and in consequence must have recourse elsewhere. The need for as full a collection as possible in this town will become increasingly apparent coincident with the developments in industry now proceeding.

## ALMONDBURY BRANCH.

The **number of volumes** in stock at the Almondbury Branch Library is 2,804, an increase of 47. The **Issues** during the year were 5,717, as against 5,270, an increase of 447.

The number of **Borrowers** is 178 (as against 158) of whom 6 hold Non-fiction Cards.

The whole of these premises, interior and exterior, were painted and decorated in June, 1917.

The Caretaker, Albert Whiteley, resigned in April 1917, and I regret to report that Joseph North, a former holder of

the post, who took on the job temporarily until December, died on the 20th March last. In December the appointment was given to Joe N. Jessop.

Though some amount of trouble has again been experienced with disorderly and noisy young people, this was overcome by vigorous steps taken, and there has been no cause for complaint for some time.

### BINDING.

During the year the number of volumes sent to the binders for re-binding was 1,675. Last year 1,412 volumes were re-bound. Minor repairs, numbering many thousands, have in addition, been carried out by the staff.

For the School Libraries 203 volumes were sent for re-binding, as against 128 last year.

### SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The issues for the year from the 37 boxes in the 28 Elementary Schools to which books are supplied by the Education Committee are shewn in a Table on page 17. The **Total Issue** was 30,888, as against 32,473 last year.

It would, I feel, be an undoubted advantage if the scheme were revised on the basis of the establishment at each school of its own School Library, instead of the method of travelling libraries now in vogue, involving a change round each year, and the extension of the scheme to embrace all schools. In this way a good collection could be built up at each place, in accordance with the varying needs of each locality. The question of overhaul, and the dealing with binding and replacements would, under this method, be a much less formidable undertaking than it is at present to the Public Library Staff.

## ART GALLERY.

Exhibitions and attendances during the 12 months were :—

Huddersfield Art Society, April 1st to 28th, 1917, 4 weeks	... ..	4056
Canadian Official War Photographs, May 14th to 26th, 2 weeks	... ..	1161
Permanent Collection, June 25th to Oct. 13th (estimated)	... ..	4310
Permanent Collection and Pictures loaned by Exors. of late Mr. Joseph Woodhead, Oct. 20th to Jan. 5th, 1918 (estimated)...		2285
Cartoons by Louis Raemaekers and Litho- graphs by G. Spenser Pryse, Jan. 21st to Feb. 16th, 5 weeks	... ..	8252
Permanent Collection : Arundel Chromos, Water Colours and Turner Engravings, Feb. 22nd to April 3rd	... ..	2360
		<hr/> 22424

A charge was made for admission to the War Photographs Exhibition, the proceeds going to the Canadian War Memorials Fund for which purpose the Exhibition, which visited many of the larger towns, was organised. The number paying for admission was 891, and some 370 wounded soldiers were admitted free. Some exceptionally fine photographs were among the exhibits.

The Raemaekers Exhibition attracted a good deal of attention, and interest in the prints was most marked. The kindness of Mr. Henry S. Clough, of Keighley, in lending them for exhibition, together with the Lithographs by Spenser Pryse, was much appreciated.

In June, 1917, eight oil paintings, one of which is too large to be properly shewn in the present gallery, and seven are not considered of sufficient merit to be worthy of exhibition, as part of the permanent collection, were loaned to the Technical College in response to an application for some pictures to cover the wall space in the entrance hall there.

In October, eight pictures from the collection of the late Mr. Joseph Woodhead were loaned to the gallery by his Executors.

It was reported at the March meeting, that the portrait of the Chairman, Mr. Councillor Thomson, by J. W. Brooke, which is to be eventually hung in the Art Gallery, had, at his request, been transferred to the Education Offices for the time being.

#### STAFF.

Mr. Goulden, who is serving with His Majesty's Forces, was wounded in May, 1917. I am glad to state he is fully restored to health again. He now holds the rank of Sergeant.

H. Townend was called up in May, 1917, and is now in France.

Hilda Flood was appointed Junior Assistant (Temporary) in his place.

#### GENERAL.

Mr. Councillor Platts and the Librarian attended the Conference of the Library Association at London, in October 1917, which proved to be one of the most important yet held. A full report of the Proceedings has been sent to each member of the Committee.

Owing to serious illness, the Chairman, Mr. Councillor Thomson, was unable to attend the meetings of the Committee for some months. A resolution of sympathy was forwarded to him in July, 1917.

The Deputy-Chairman, Mr. John Watkinson, resigned his office in November 1917, but is continuing as a member of the Committee.

Mr. Alderman Fred Lawton and Mr. Councillor J. H. Platts were appointed Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively at a meeting of the Committee, held 12th. November, 1917.



The usual Lists of Periodicals and of Donors of Books, etc., have been again omitted this year, owing to paper restrictions. 140 volumes, 23 pamphlets, and a framed mezzotint portrait of the late B. H. Allen, of Greenhead, have been presented, to the donors of which the thanks of the Committee have been conveyed, as also to the donors of periodicals.

### CARNEGIE UNITED KINGDOM TRUST.

A visit of investigation into the Library service and accommodation and of local conditions was paid by Mr. A. L. Hetherington, Secretary to the Trustees, and Mr. T. W. Hand, Chief Librarian, Leeds, on May 29-30th, 1917.

As an outcome of this visit, a conditional offer was made on 27th Oct., 1917, by the Trustees of a gift of £10,500 for new Library Buildings, to be allocated as follows :—£3,000 each for the erection of two Branch Libraries, one at Lindley and one at Lockwood, and the sum of £4,500 towards the cost of a New Central Library; the conditions being that an amount of £10,500 be subscribed from other sources, that free sites be provided for each building, without any charge on the Library rate; that the present rate of 1d. be increased to one of 1½d.; plans to be submitted to the Trustees; and that the Library at Almondbury be more fully developed with the increased funds which will accrue from the larger rate.

This offer was accepted at a meeting of the Committee held on 16th. Nov., 1917, when the grateful appreciation of the generous offer of the Trust was placed on record by the Committee. This was confirmed by the Council, who at a later meeting, resolved that as soon as possible after the war a Public Library worthy of the town be erected as a Memorial to the brave men of this Borough who have offered,

and many of them given, their lives for their country ; and provision be made in association therewith for an Art Gallery and Museum.

The consummation of this scheme will provide accommodation, the lack of which has been for many years so marked, suitable and adequate to the needs of the Library which has been built up for the town.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

FREDK. C. COLE,

Librarian and Curator.

TABLE I.—Shewing the number of volumes in the Libraries at March 31st, 1917, the number added during the year, the numbers withdrawn and transferred, and the total at March 31st, 1918.

LENDING LIBRARIES.									
Class.	CENTRAL.					ALMONDBURY.			
	March 31st, 1917.	No. added.	No. of Withdrawals	Trans. to Almondbury.	Total at March 31st, 1918.	March 31st, 1917.	No. added inc. transfers.	Total at March 31st, 1918.	Percent
A. Religion and Philosophy	1783	25	...	...	1808	106	1	107	3·5
B. Social Science	1386	50	...	...	1436	81	...	81	2·9
C. Natural Science	1507	23	...	...	1530	184	...	184	6·6
D. Fine and Useful Arts	3453	124	2	...	3575	222	3	225	8·0
E. History, Geography, and Travel	4039	83	...	...	4122	379	6	385	14·0
F. Biography	2210	45	...	...	2255	265	1	266	9·5
G. Language, Literature, and Poetry	2568	39	...	...	2607	232	1	233	8·3
H. Fiction	10422	118	47	...	10493	1038	30	1068	38·1
J. Juvenile	2797	119	6	...	2910	250	5	255	9·1
K. Magazines and Bibliography	745	2	...	...	747	...	...	...	...
Totals	30910	628	55	...	31483	2757	47	2804	100·0

## REFERENCE LIBRARY.

7858	261	...	...	8119
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TABLE II.—Shewing the number and classification of the volumes issued during the year 1917-18.

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.											
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	Totals
1917 ..	197	133	279	796	657	240	429	11639	2936	93	17399
April, ..	206	179	318	723	621	292	428	11316	2846	82	17011
May, ..	236	167	332	847	678	281	408	12499	2960	94	18502
June, ..	260	160	322	727	586	306	373	11449	2757	95	17035
July, ..	239	158	269	839	621	285	387	11714	2748	108	17368
August, ..	219	184	358	858	576	249	476	11697	2518	115	17250
September, ..	279	218	361	1051	764	266	546	13055	3007	121	19668
October, ..	269	236	384	1053	804	297	604	13542	3068	107	20364
November, ..	245	228	367	1017	746	262	468	12597	2739	101	18770
December, ..	280	276	405	1083	839	306	519	13976	2939	85	20708
January, 1918..	315	191	367	1176	822	246	559	12936	2845	104	19561
February, ..	336	229	443	1317	926	329	643	14226	3647	102	22198
March, ..											1007
Totals ....	<b>3081</b>	<b>2359</b>	<b>4205</b>	<b>11487</b>	<b>8640</b>	<b>3359</b>	<b>5840</b>	<b>150646</b>	<b>*35010</b>	<b>1207</b>	<b>225834</b>
Class per centage	1.4	1.0	1.9	5.0	3.9	1.5	2.6	66.7	15.5	.5	100
Last year	3089	2118	3827	10672	8578	3216	6119	136750	*37959	1222	213550
	1.4	1.0	1.8	5.0	4.0	1.5	2.9	64.0	17.8	.6	100
Almondbury ..	<b>37</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4357</b>	<b>1048</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>5717</b>
Last year ..	32	13	39	53	130	47	53	3781	122	..	5270
											52

Central Library open 262 days. Last year, 266 days.

Almondbury Branch open on 100 days. Last year, on 102 days.

\*Note—Juv. Non-fiction (4777) is now counted in under respective class headings

## REFERENCE LIBRARY.

In the Reference Library 7254 volumes were consulted during the same period. Last year 6755.

In the Patent Library 572 Specifications and Journals were consulted. Last year 707.

TABLE III.—Shewing the Total Annual Issues in each Class, and each Department.

Year ended Mar. 31st.	CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.													Alm'nd-bury Branch.	Refer-ence Library	Patent Library
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	Total.	D.	Av.			
1899	1486	536	1491	2795	4012	1865	2377	71377	11025	51	97015	386		..	1765	..
1900	1404	506	1673	3116	4891	1971	2469	88049	11073	96	115248	438		..	1770	..
1901	1416	687	1692	3801	5121	2312	2620	99162	11922	181	128914	493		..	1765	..
1902	1541	645	1853	5364	5028	2551	2850	108380	13216	517	141945	548		..	1808	..
1903	2193	728	2202	6693	5645	2860	3090	113837	17497	1733	156478	598		..	2458	†736
1904	2794	1248	2545	7700	6031	2702	3048	115953	21204	1101	164326	627		..	3975	880
1905	2777	1286	2776	9168	6291	2870	3448	123459	24370	1220	177665	663		..	3574	676
1906	2942	1552	2936	9311	6624	3017	4063	126653	25211	1336	183645	686		*782	4642	576
1907	2844	1723	2323	8837	6481	3117	4756	123408	25735	928	180152	678		5176	4337	924
1908	2981	2292	2082	9607	6450	3157	4947	126682	27296	1052	186546	691		4470	4827	1002
1909	2958	2073	2459	9093	6875	3511	5174	130187	26762	915	190007	722		3871	4959	1381
1910	3413	1874	2695	9223	6486	3099	5019	135340	26890	684	194732	735		3695	4557	1231
1911	3826	1720	3202	10825	7703	3611	5624	140172	25196	506	202385	752		4181	5959	1598
1912	3551	1755	3541	11745	8739	4013	5665	143259	23626	608	206502	777		5129	6138	1178
1913	3575	1684	3687	11871	8763	3607	5573	149257	29687	601	218305	824		5848	5425	931
1914	3643	1626	3625	12710	8860	3585	6246	144824	24542	866	210727	800		5445	7639	962
1915	3112	1736	3680	11959	8596	3289	6119	146316	30476	878	216161	816		6204	7664	704
1916	3004	2046	3721	11495	8214	3170	6014	138303	38325	1443	215636	807		5812	7224	960
1917	3089	2118	3827	10672	8578	3216	6119	136750	37959	1222	213550	802		5270	6755	707
1918	3081	2359	4205	11487	8640	3359	5840	150646	35010	1207	225834	863		5717	7254	572

\* Almondbury Branch opened February, 1906.

† Patent Library transferred from the Town Hall, July, 1902.

TABLE IV.—Shewing the Sex and Ages of Borrowers.

	CENTRAL.		ALMONDBURY.	
	Ordinary Cards.	Non-Fiction Cards.	Ordinary Cards.	Non-Fiction Cards.
(A.) Number of Ratepayers .. .. .	2011	436	33	3
Number of Non-Ratepayers .. .. .	5406	584	145	3
Totals .. .. .	7417	1020	178	6
(For Totals in previous years see Compar. Table p. 6).	—	—	—	—
Total number of Tickets in force .. .. .	8437	—	184	—
		8621		
(B.) Number of Males .. .. .	3435	..	51	..
Number of Females .. .. .	3982	..	127	..
Totals .. .. .	7417	..	178	..
(C.) Ages of Borrowers (Non-Ratepayers only) :—				
11 to 12 .. .. .	688	..	28	..
13 to 15 .. .. .	1033	..	34	..
16 to 20 .. .. .	927	..	18	..
21 to 30 .. .. .	790	..	17	..
31 to 40 .. .. .	374	..	6	..
41 to 60 .. .. .	243	..	7	..
61 and over .. .. .	42	..	3	..
Not stated .. .. .	1309	..	32	..
Totals .. .. .	5406	..	145	..



## SCHOOL LIBRARIES ISSUES,

April 1st, 1917, to March 31st, 1918.

SCHOOLS.		ISSUES.			
MIXED.		No. of Boxes.	Non-Fiction.	Fiction.	Totals.
Bradley National <sup>1</sup>	..	1	173	661	834
Crosland Moor Council <sup>2</sup>	..	2	191	779	970
Crosland Moor National	..	1	174	625	799
Deighton Council	..	1	279	856	1135
Lindley National <sup>3</sup>	..	2	473	1434	1907
Lockwood National <sup>4</sup>	..	1	269	877	1146
Longwood National <sup>5</sup>	..	1	205	637	842
Lowerhouses C. E.	..	1	97	297	394
Moldgreen C. E.	..	1	192	646	838
Newsome National	..	1	227	676	903
Outlane Council <sup>6</sup>	..	1	215	635	850
Paddock Council	..	3	382	1835	2217
Spring Grove Council	..	2	653	1775	2428
Woodhouse National <sup>7</sup>	..	1	115	627	742
BOYS.					
Berry Brow Council	..	1	173	591	764
Goitfield Council <sup>8</sup>	..	1	84	340	424
Moldgreen Council	..	1	140	638	778
Mount Pleasant Council	..	2	549	1902	2451
Oakes Council	..	2	494	1389	1883
Paddock National <sup>9</sup>	..	1	...	...	...
Stile Common Council	..	1	457	942	1399
GIRLS.					
Berry Brow Council <sup>10</sup>	..	1	121	539	660
Moldgreen Council <sup>11</sup>	..	1	141	928	1069
Mount Pleasant Council <sup>12</sup>	..	2	186	1125	1311
Oakes Council	..	2	55	1580	1635
Paddock National <sup>13</sup>	..	1	281	628	909
Spark Hall Council	..	1	37	311	348
Stile Common Council	..	1	295	957	1252
Totals	..	37	6668	24220	30888

1. No reports sent for December, 1917.

January, February, 1918.

2. Do, Nov., Dec., 1917.

3. Do, Oct., Nov., 1917.

4. Do, May, 1917, March, 1918.

5. Do, March, 1918.

6. Do, April, May, June, July, 1917.

7. Do, December, 1917.

8. Only four reports sent.

9. No reports sent.

10. No reports sent for December, 1917.

March, 1918.

11. Do, February, 1918.

12. Do, March, 1918.

13. Do, Dec., 1917, March, 1918.

## APPENDIX.

TABLE 1.—GENERAL.

Population... .. (estimated)	115,000
Amount of Rate ... ..	$\frac{3}{4}$ d.
Cost of Library Service per inhabitant ) including	3.0d.
*Total cost of Library per inhabitant ) Branch	4.8d.
No. of Branches ... ..	1
No. of Staff (Whole Time) :	
Male (3 on active service) ... ..	5
Female ... ..	9
No. of Staff (Part Time) :	
Male ... ..	1
Female ... ..	1

\* Includes Art Gallery expenditure.

TABLE 2.—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

INCOME :—					Percentage of Total.
From Rate ... ..	£1650				72.6
Library Receipts (Fines, Catalogues, etc.) ... ..	£231				10.1
*Other sources ... ..	£250				11.0
Debit Balance, March 31st, 1918 ...	£142				6.3
Total ... ..	£2273				100.0
* Includes Credit Balance, 1917, and Bank Interest.					
LIBRARY SERVICE EXPENDITURE :					
Books ... ..	£297				13.1
Binding and Repairing ... ..	£130				5.7
Newspapers and Periodicals ... ..	£141				6.2
Fittings and Furniture ... ..	£9				.4
Printing and Stationery ... ..	£69				3.0
Salaries ... ..	£733				32.3
Total ... ..	£1379				60.7

**TABLE 2.—Continued.**

FABRIC CHARGES (Library Proportion):						Percentage of Total.
Rents	...	...	...	...	£165	7.3
Rates and Taxes	...	...	...	...	£46	2.0
Upkeep of Building	...	...	...	...	£51	2.2
Heating and Lighting (including wages of caretakers, &c.)	...	...	...	...	£278	12.3
Total	...	...	...	...	£540	23.8
Art Gallery	...	...	...	...	£228	10.0
Almondbury Branch	...	...	...	...	£126	5.5
Total Expenditure	...	...	...	...	£2273	100.0

**TABLE 3.—STOCKS.**

	Lending Libraries. Central.	Branch.	Reference Library.
No. of vols. at beginning of year	30910	2757	7858
No. of vols. withdrawn during year ... ..	55	—	—
Additions during year... *(including 428 Replacements)	*1056	47	261
Total vols. at end of year	31483	2804	8119
Volumes per head of population	1 per 3.4		1 per 14.2

**TABLE 4.—ISSUES.**

	Totals.	Daily Average.
Central Lending Library	225,834	863
Branch Library	5,717	57
Reference Library recorded issues	7,826	29
Reference Library Open Shelves (estimated)	15,000	57
Total Issues	254,377	
Issues from Lending Library per head of population	2.0	
Total Issues, per head of population	2.2	

**TABLE 5.—BORROWERS.**

No. of Actual Borrowers	7595
Percentage of Borrowers to population	6.6
No. of Supplementary Readers' Tickets held	1026
Total Borrowers' Tickets in use (valid for one year)	8621

## COUNTY BOROUGH OF HUDDERSFIELD.

## Public Library and Art Gallery Fund Account for the year ended March 31st, 1918.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF HUDDERSFIELD.



**TWENTY-FIRST**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

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OF THE

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## **ART GALLERY.**

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YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1919.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.





TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ART  
GALLERY, HUDDERSFIELD.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting the 21st Annual Report, covering the 12 months ended March 31st, 1919.

SUMMARY OF TOTALS.

The **Combined Total** of books issued and consulted at the Central Lending, Reference, and Patent Libraries, and at the Almondbury Branch Library for the year was 274,311, an increase of 34,934. (See Table III., page 14).

The **Total Issues** from all departments since the opening of the Libraries, 21 years ago, amount to 4,118,155.

The **Total Stock** of books in all departments (exclusive of Patent Library) is now 43,681, an increase of 1,275. (See Table I., page 12).

**CENTRAL LIBRARY.**

**LENDING DEPARTMENT.**

The **Number of Volumes** in stock is now 32,172, an increase of 689. Worn out volumes, to the number of 220, have been replaced, making the total number acquired during the year 909. There are still about 1,500 worn out books awaiting replacement. Great difficulty is being experienced in obtaining the copies required.

The **Issues** from the Central Lending Library were 256,436, an increase of 30,602. These are both the highest issue and the greatest increase that have been recorded. The daily average works out at 968, as against 863 last year. (See Table II., page 13).

All classes shew increases, the largest being in Social Science, 757 or 32% ; Natural Science, 863 or 20.5% ; Fine and Useful Arts, 2,724 or 23.7% ; History and Travel, 1,931 or 22% ; Biography, 648 or 19% ; Literature and Poetry, 1,636 or 28% ; Fiction, 13,155 or 8.7% ; Juvenile, 8,500 or 24%.

The Juvenile Non-fiction issues were 6,740, as against 4,777.

The percentage of Fiction issued was 63.8. Last year, 66.7. This is the lowest yet recorded. It should be noted in this connection that the percentage is calculated on Lending Library issues only.

The increase in the number of books issued to children is a very satisfactory feature, following as it does on a slight decrease last year.

The following issues may be noted : they are the highest recorded since the opening of the Library. On Saturday, March 30th, 1918, the issue from the Lending Library was 2,115. The issues from the Lending and Reference Libraries for the week ending Jan. 11th, 1919, were 6,078, giving a daily average of 1,157. From the Lending Library only, for the week ending March 15th last, 5,745 vols. were issued.

The number of books in embossed type issued to blind readers was 611. Last year, 619.

During the year 1,715 applications for the return of overdue books were sent out, as against 1,327 last year ; and 1,986 Bepoken Books post cards were dealt with, the number last year being 1,484.

The number of **Borrowers' Cards** in force (Table IV., page 15) is 10,265, as against 8,437, an increase of 1,828. Non-fiction (extra) Cards are held by 2,050 borrowers, as against 1,020, or just over double the number last year. This is undoubtedly due to the alteration in method of applying for these cards, arrangement having been made for the desire

for them being expressed on the ordinary application form, whereas previously a second form had to be filled in.

For the Camps Library 58 books and magazines were received, making a total of 190 books and 2,000 magazines dealt with since the work was first undertaken in April, 1916.

Very little use was made by wounded soldiers stationed in the town of the facilities offered for borrowing books. Only 19 such cards were taken out.

### SPECIAL LISTS.

The list of books relating to Commerce and Trade, which it was decided to issue, is in the press, but great difficulty is being experienced in getting the work along. The application for a grant of Government Publications of this character, which was renewed in March 1918 on the request of H.M. Stationery Office, has not yet brought any result. Neither has an application sent in through the Library Association, at the request of the Board of Trade Commercial Intelligence Department, resulted in anything tangible, and no information on the matter is forthcoming.

In response to a request from the Huddersfield Branch of the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases for special facilities for the display of literature, a list of books in the Libraries bearing on the subject in all its aspects was prepared and displayed in the Lending and Reference Libraries.

### RECLASSIFICATION.

The books in the Lending Library being classified on the lines of the Dewey Classification, but with the application of a different notation, which latter has led to congestion and unweildiness in certain sections and the adoption of various expedients to overcome its inelastic properties, it was decided in January last, following on a report by the Librarian,

that this method be dropped, and the Dewey notation applied. The change, which involves a good deal of detail work, will be effected as soon as circumstances permit.

### FACILITIES TO TEACHERS.

The Teachers' Special Cards in force is now 161, as against 150 last year ; the issues on these being 716, as against 737.

At Almondbury the numbers are :—Cards, 3, same as last year ; issues, 9 ; last year, 10.

### COMPARATIVE TABLE.

The following table shews (Lending Library only) the number of books in stock, the total issues, daily averages, and number of borrowers each year since the opening of the Library :—

			Books in Stock.	Books Issued.	Daily Av. Issue.	No. of Borrowers
April 22nd,	1898	...	4890			
March 31st,	1899	...	7124	97015	386	4584
"	1900	...	9360	115248	438	4298
"	1901	...	11188	128914	493	4418
"	1902	...	13252	141945	548	4497
"	1903	...	14771	156478	598	5202
"	1904	...	16567	164326	627	5269
"	1905	...	18806	177665	663	5489
"	1906	...	19593	183645	686	5742
"	1907	...	20701	180152	678	5523
"	1908	...	22004	186546	691	5631
"	1909	...	22995	190007	722	6274
"	1910	...	24489	194732	735	6046
"	1911	...	25807	202385	752	6518
"	1912	...	27076	206502	777	6623
"	1913	...	28263	218305	824	6753
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"	1917	...	30910	213550	802	6743
"	1918	...	31483	225834	863	7417
"	1919	...	32172	256436	968	8215
Total issues	...	...	...	3882209		

## REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The number of volumes is now 8,653, an increase of 534. The number of works consulted was 10,090, as against 7,254, an increase of 2,836, by far the largest increase noted since the opening of the Library.

### COMPARATIVE TABLE.

April	Stock.	Issues.	March	Stock,	Issues.
22nd 1898	486		31st 1909	4977	4959
March			„ 1910	5464	4557
31st 1899	1104	1765	„ 1911	5807	5959
„ 1900	1509	1770	„ 1912	6208	6138
„ 1901	1649	1765	„ 1913	6658	5425
„ 1902	2175	1808	„ 1914	6965	7639
„ 1903	3034	2458	„ 1915	7272	7664
„ 1904	3839	3975	„ 1916	7505	7224
„ 1905	4298	3574	„ 1917	7858	6755
„ 1906	4321	4642	„ 1918	8119	7254
„ 1907	4663	4337	„ 1919	8653	10090
„ 1908	4909	4827			

### PATENT LIBRARY.

The number of Specifications and Journals consulted was 870, as against 572 ; the number of persons using this department being 107, as against 77.

### ALMONDBURY BRANCH.

The **number of volumes** in stock at this Branch is 2,856, an increase of 52. The **Issues** during the year were 6,915, as against 5,717, an increase of 1,198.

The number of **Borrowers** also shews an increase, being 219 (as against 178), of whom 12 hold Non-fiction cards.

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### BINDING AND REPAIRS.

1,394 volumes have been re-bound during the year, the number last year being 1,675. Many thousands of minor repairs have, in addition, been carried out by the staff.



## SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The issues from these boxes, 37 in number, which are supplied by the Education Committee to 28 Elementary Schools in the Borough, are shewn in a Table on page 16. The **Total Issue** was 18,734, as against 30,888 last year. The decrease is due to the long period during which the schools were closed during the prevalence of the Influenza epidemic.

It was not found possible to have the boxes called in for the annual overhaul this year.

## ART GALLERY.

Exhibitions and attendances during the 12 months :—

Huddersfield Art Society, April 18th to May 25th, 6 weeks	...	...	...	...	6083
American Liberty Loan Posters ; and Permanent Collection, June 22nd to July 18th (estimated)	...	...	...	...	1600
Permanent Collection, July 22nd to Nov. 19th (estimated)	...	...	...	...	5200
British Artists at the Front ; and Permanent Collection, Nov. 21st to Feb. 1st (estimated)					3100
Huddersfield Art Society, Feb. 19th to March 29th	...	...	...	...	7466
					<hr/> 23449

The 21 American Liberty Loan Posters were lent by Mr. Franklin D. Hale, late American Consul in Huddersfield, and proved a most interesting exhibit.

The British Artists at the Front Exhibition consisted of the prints from a publication of that title, broken up, and shewn in the temporary exhibit frames, with the accompanying descriptive letterpress. The artists whose work is thus reproduced are Sir John Lavery, A.R.A., C. R. W. Nevinson, Eric Kennington, and Paul Nash. Failing the pictures themselves, this proved to be a satisfactory method of bringing their work to the public notice.



One addition has been made to the Permanent Collection, a copy in oils of a self-portrait of Gerard Dou, presented by Mr. F. W. Robinson. It is hoped that during the coming year it will be possible to run a larger number of exhibitions than conditions have allowed during the past few years.

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### STAFF.

I am glad to report that Mr. H. Goulden, Sub-Librarian, and Mr. F. J. Boardman were demobilised and returned to their posts on January 16th and Feb. 21st last respectively.

H. Townend is still retained in the Army of the Rhine.

Miss Stone resigned her position in May, 1918, owing to ill-health, a matter for regret.

### LIBRARY RATE.

Following on receipt of a communication from the Library Association on the urgency of the present financial position of Public Libraries, it was resolved that the local Members of Parliament be asked to support the application of the Library Association for the abolition of the present limitation on the Library Rate.

Further, it was decided that as the income from the 1d. rate would be inadequate to meet our requirements for the coming year, the estimate should be framed on the basis of a 1½d. rate, which estimate later received the approval of the Council.

### HUDDERSFIELD ROLL OF HONOUR.

This matter was brought to the notice of the Committee, who passed a resolution authorising the Librarian to compile a list of all local men who joined the Colours during the war.

### GENERAL.

A Library Conference, arranged by the North Central Library Association, was held at Manchester, on October 23rd

and 24th. This was attended by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and myself. The subjects under consideration were "The Public Technical Library"; "The Relation of the Works Library to the Public Technical Library"; "The Commercial Library"; "Library Work with Children"; and "The Financial Position of Public Libraries." The Conference was most interesting and successful, and was attended by delegates from all parts of the Country. A report on the proceedings was given at the following meeting of the Committee.

The congratulations of the Committee were extended to the Librarian and Curator at the meeting on Jan. 31st, on his completion of 21 years' service with the Committee.

The usual Lists of Periodicals and of Donors of Books, etc., have been again omitted from this report, owing to the need for compression. 456 volumes, 235 pamphlets, a small parcel of engravings, comprising book illustrations by Birket Foster and Portraits from the History of the Franco-German war, and a framed reproduction of an engraving shewing the conversion of wool from the sheep's back to the finished suit in 1811, have been received. To all the donors the thanks of the Committee have been conveyed.

Owing to the restrictions imposed by the Household Fuel and Lighting Order, 1918, steps had to be taken to reduce the consumption of fuel and electricity. By closing the Reading Rooms one hour earlier at night and by the replacement of practically all lamps by others of smaller candle power, the necessary reduction was secured.

So far as the Library was concerned, no further alteration in hours was made. Earlier closing of this department came into operation in January, 1916, the reduction becoming necessary owing to the need for economy in expenditure. The restriction has not had any adverse effect, on the contrary in fact, as is evidenced by the returns of issues.

## SITE FOR NEW BUILDINGS.

At a meeting of the Committee, held on Feb. 14th last, a letter from Sir John F. Ramsden was read, offering as a gift a site for the new Public Library and Art Gallery, comprising some 1,322 square yards, situate at the North end of the Parish Church Burial Ground. This offer was accepted and the grateful thanks of the Corporation conveyed to Sir John for his generous gift.

The site is an excellent one in all respects. It is large enough to meet all our anticipated needs for Central Library and Art Gallery purposes ; is centrally situated, being close to the Market Place (the town's centre), and the Railway Station ; has most excellent light ; is not only readily accessible, but (a requirement which is not generally recognised) is in a quiet position, off, though near to, the main streets with their heavy traffic and noise.

The estimated requirements of all departments of the Library and Art Gallery have been carefully considered in view of this gift, and a sketch plan embodying these, which I drew up and had the pleasure of submitting, has been approved by the Committee as a basis on which to work when the time for preparing to build arrives.

The prospect of adequate and suitable premises, and release from the congested and restricted conditions which have for so long hampered the full development of the Library service is one for sincere congratulation.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

FREDK. C. COLE,

Librarian and Curator.

TABLE I.—Shewing the number of volumes in the Libraries at March 30th, 1918, the number added during the year, the numbers withdrawn and transferred, and the total at March 31st, 1919.

LENDING LIBRARIES.									
Class.	CENTRAL.					ALMONDBURY.			
	March 30th, 1918.	No. added.	No. of Withdrawals	Trans. to Almondbury.	Total at March 31st, 1919.	March 30th, 1918.	No. added inc transfers.	Total at March 31st, 1919.	Percentg
A. Religion and Philosophy	1808	27	...	...	1835	107	...	107	3·7
B. Social Science	1436	67	5	...	1498	81	1	82	2·9
C. Natural Science	1530	30	...	...	1560	184	...	184	6·4
D. Fine and Useful Arts	3575	102	1	...	3676	225	2	227	8·0
E. History, Geography, and Travel	4122	90	...	...	4212	385	5	390	13·7
F. Biography	2255	40	...	...	2295	266	...	266	9·3
G. Language, Literature, and Poetry	2607	43	...	...	2650	233	...	233	8·1
H. Fiction	10493	171	...	...	10664	1068	34	1102	38·7
J. Juvenile	2910	120	...	...	3030	255	10	265	9·2
K. Magazines and Bibliography	747	5	...	...	752	...	...	...	...
Totals	31483	695	6	...	32172	2804	52	2856	100·0

# REFERENCE LIBRARY.

8119	534	...	...	8653
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TABLE II.—Shewing the number and classification of the volumes issued during the year 1918-19.

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.											
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	Totals
April, 1918 ..	262	208	390	1115	778	300	552	13317	3641	89	20652
May, ..	272	189	382	1044	766	297	590	12798	3591	108	20037
June, ..	231	169	356	1036	728	288	554	13010	3648	104	20124
July, ..	227	192	379	1081	730	251	473	12999	3377	84	19793
August, ..	230	245	398	1068	892	290	566	13168	3664	122	20643
September, ..	219	232	408	1036	798	302	569	12169	3170	114	19017
October, ..	264	272	503	1333	1000	415	649	14607	4072	141	23256
November, ..	281	290	495	1278	1030	418	707	15206	4085	172	23962
December, ..	246	285	350	1141	885	378	648	13079	3512	146	20670
January, 1919 ..	298	363	475	1252	1055	344	768	14672	3327	146	22700
February, ..	284	348	437	1334	896	348	643	13308	3343	153	21094
March, ..	337	323	495	1493	1013	376	757	15468	4080	146	24488
Totals ....	<b>3151</b>	<b>3116</b>	<b>5068</b>	<b>14211</b>	<b>10571</b>	<b>4007</b>	<b>7476</b>	<b>163801</b>	<b>*43510</b>	<b>1525</b>	<b>256436</b>
Class per centage	1·6	1·2	1·9	5·5	4·1	1·5	2·8	63·8	17	·6	100
Last year	3081	2359	4205	11487	8640	3359	5840	150646	*35010	1207	225834
	1·4	1·0	1·9	5·0	3·9	1·5	2·6	66·7	15·5	·5	100
Almondbury ..	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>5010</b>	<b>1488</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6915</b>
Last year ..	37	7	40	66	80	39	43	4357	1048	..	5717

Central Library open 265 days. Last year, 262 days.

Almondbury Branch open on 100 days. Last year, on 100 days. \*Note—Juv. Non-fiction (6740) is now counted in under respective class headings

## REFERENCE LIBRARY.

In the Reference Library 10090 volumes were consulted during the same period. Last year 7254.

In the Patent Library 870 Specifications and Journals were consulted. Last year 572.



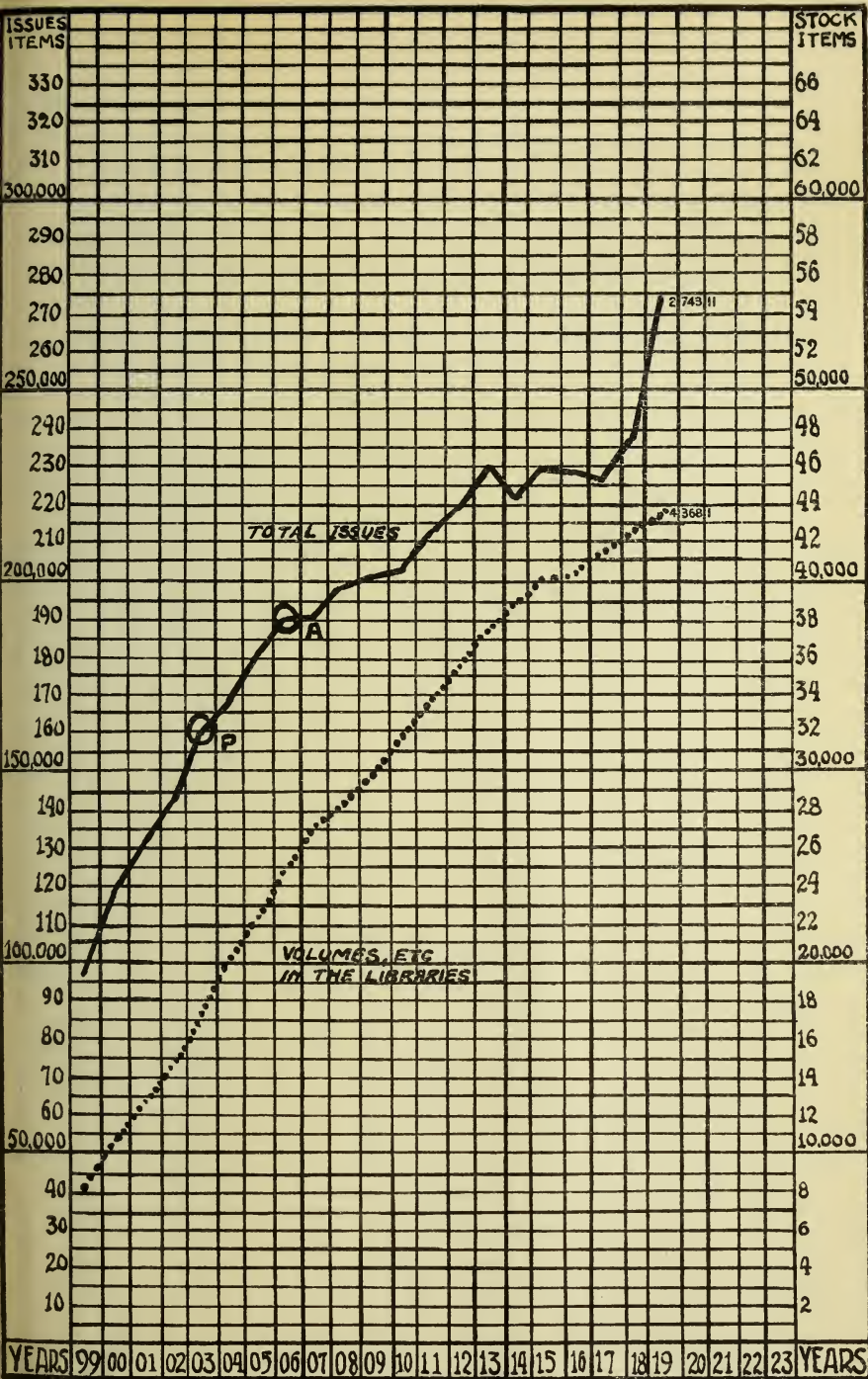
TABLE III.—Shewing the Total Annual Issues in each Class, and each Department.

Year ended Mar. 31st.	CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.													Alm'd-bury Branch.	Refer- ence Library	Patent Library
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	Total.	D.	Av			
1899	1486	536	1491	2795	4012	1865	2377	71377	11025	51	97015	386		..	1765	..
1900	1404	506	1673	3116	4891	1971	2469	88049	11073	96	115248	438		..	1770	..
1901	1416	687	1692	3801	5121	2312	2620	99162	11922	181	128914	493		..	1765	..
1902	1541	645	1853	5364	5028	2551	2850	108380	13216	517	141945	548		..	1808	..
1903	2193	728	2202	6693	5645	2860	3090	113837	17497	1733	156478	598		..	2458	†736
1904	2794	1248	2545	7700	6031	2702	3048	115953	21204	1101	164326	627		..	3975	880
1905	2777	1286	2776	9168	6291	2870	3448	123459	24370	1220	177665	663		..	3574	676
1906	2942	1552	2936	9311	6624	3017	4063	126653	25211	1336	183645	686		*782	4642	576
1907	2844	1723	2323	8837	6481	3117	4756	123408	25735	928	180152	678		5176	4337	924
1908	2981	2292	2082	9607	6450	3157	4947	126682	27296	1052	186546	691		4470	4827	1002
1909	2958	2073	2459	9093	6875	3511	5174	130187	26762	915	190007	722		3871	4959	1381
1910	3413	1874	2695	9223	6486	3099	5019	135340	26890	684	194732	735		3695	4557	1231
1911	3826	1720	3202	10825	7703	3611	5624	140172	25196	506	202385	752		4181	5959	1598
1912	3551	1755	3541	11745	8739	4013	5665	143259	23626	608	206502	777		5129	6138	1178
1913	3575	1684	3687	11871	8763	3607	5573	149257	29687	601	218305	824		5848	5425	931
1914	3643	1626	3825	12710	8860	3585	6246	144824	24542	866	210727	800		5445	7639	962
1915	3112	1736	3680	11959	8596	3289	6119	146316	30476	878	216161	816		6204	7664	704
1916	3004	2046	3721	11495	8214	3170	6014	138303	38325	1443	215636	807		5812	7224	960
1917	3089	2118	3827	10672	8578	3216	6119	136750	37959	1222	213550	802		5270	6755	707
1918	3081	2359	4205	11487	8640	3359	5840	150646	35010	1207	225834	863		5717	7254	572
1919	3151	3116	5068	14211	10571	4007	7476	163801	43510	1525	256436	968		6915	10090	870

\* Almondbury Branch opened February, 1906.

† Patent Library transferred from the Town Hall, July, 1902.





NOTE - The circles indicate inclusion of (P) Patent Library, and (A) Almondbury Branch issues.

DIAGRAM SHOWING RECORDED ISSUES & STOCK  
1899-1919.



TABLE IV.—Shewing the Sex and Ages of Borrowers.

	CENTRAL.		ALMONDBURY.	
	Ordinary Cards.	Non-Fiction Cards.	Ordinary Cards.	Non-Fiction Cards.
(A.) Number of Ratepayers ..	2120	710	44	5
Number of Non-Ratepayers ..	6095	1340	175	7
	8215	2050	219	12
Totals ..	10265			—
(For Totals in previous years see Compar. Table p. 6).				231
Total number of Tickets in force ..		10496		—
(B.) Number of Males ..	3927	..	68	..
Number of Females ..	4288	..	151	..
Totals ..	8215	..	219	..
(C.) Ages of Borrowers (Non-Ratepayers only) :—				
11 to 12 ..	742	..	26	..
13 to 15 ..	1172	..	32	..
16 to 20 ..	971	..	22	..
21 to 30 ..	913	..	10	..
31 to 40 ..	458	..	12	..
41 to 60 ..	290	..	10	..
61 and over ..	37	..	3	..
Not stated ..	1512	..	60	..
Totals ..	6905	..	175	..

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES ISSUES,

April 1st, 1918, to March 31st, 1919.

SCHOOLS.			ISSUES.			
MIXED.			No. of Boxes.	Non- Fiction.	Fiction.	Totals.
Bradley National	..	..	1	63	265	328
Crosland Moor Council	..	..	2	201	694	895
Crosland Moor National <sup>1</sup>	..	..	1	65	222	287
Deighton Council	..	..	1	204	517	721
Lindley National	..	..	2	404	1216	1620
Lockwood National	..	..	1	231	723	954
Longwood National <sup>2</sup>	..	..	1	73	195	268
Lowerhouses C. E.	..	..	1	35	113	148
Moldgreen C. E. <sup>3</sup>	..	..	1	107	307	414
Newsome National	..	..	1	103	340	443
Outlane Council <sup>4</sup>	..	..	1	97	306	403
Paddock Council <sup>5</sup>	..	..	3	235	960	1195
Spring Grove Council <sup>6</sup>	..	..	2	122	402	524
Woodhouse National <sup>7</sup>	..	..	1	73	372	445
BOYS.						
Berry Brow Council	..	..	1	79	378	457
Goitfield Council	..	..	1	134	384	518
Moldgreen Council	..	..	1	161	589	750
Mount Pleasant Council	..	..	2	366	1314	1680
Oakes Council	..	..	2	422	951	1373
Paddock National	..	..	1	154	531	685
Stile Common Council <sup>8</sup>	..	..	1	79	269	348
GIRLS.						
Berry Brow Council <sup>9</sup>	..	..	1	45	227	272
Moldgreen Council <sup>10</sup>	..	..	1	108	569	677
Mount Pleasant Council <sup>11</sup>	..	..	2	106	656	762
Oakes Council	..	..	2	55	1165	1220
Paddock National <sup>12</sup>	..	..	1	101	237	338
Spark Hall Council <sup>13</sup>	..	..	1	141	166	307
Stile Common Council	..	..	1	166	536	702
Totals			37	4130	14604	18734

NOTE.—Schools closed during November and December, 1918, and portion of March, 1919, owing to Influenza.

1. No reports for Oct., 1918, Feb. and March, 1919
2. Only five reports received.
3. No reports for Sept., 1918, & Mar., 1919
4. Do. Sept. and Oct., 1918
5. Do. Feb. and March, 1919
6. Only three reports received,
7. No reports for Sept. and Oct., 1918

8. No reports for Oct., 1918; Jan., Feb., and March, 1919
9. Only three reports received.
10. No reports for March, 1919.
11. Only five reports received.
12. Only three reports received.
13. No issue for Jan., Feb., & March, 1919

## APPENDIX.

TABLE 1.—GENERAL.

Population... .. (estimated)	115,000
Amount of Rate ... ..	1d.
Cost of Library Service per inhabitant	3.5d.
*Total cost of Library per inhabitant } including Branch	5.5d.
No. of Branches ... ..	1
No. of Staff (Whole Time) :	
Male (3 on active service) ... ..	5
Female ... ..	9
No. of Staff (Part Time) :	
Male ... ..	1
Female ... ..	1

\* Includes Art Gallery expenditure.

TABLE 2.—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

INCOME :—					Percentage of Total.
From Rate ... ..	£2250				85.4
Library Receipts (Fines, Catalogues, etc.) ... ..	£303				11.5
*Other sources ... ..	£82				3.1
Total ... ..	£2635				100.0
* Includes Credit Balance, 1917, and Bank Interest.					
LIBRARY SERVICE EXPENDITURE :					
Books ... ..	£293				11.1
Binding and Repairing ... ..	£173				6.6
Newspapers and Periodicals ... ..	£206				7.8
Fittings and Furniture ... ..	£13				.5
Printing and Stationery ... ..	£70				2.6
Salaries ... ..	£852				32.3
Total ... ..	£1607				60.9





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COUNTY BOROUGH



OF HUDDERSFIELD.

TWENTY-SECOND

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

AND

## ART GALLERY.



YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1920.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY COMMITTEE.



TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ART  
GALLERY, HUDDERSFIELD.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting the 22nd Annual Report, covering the 12 months ended March 31st, 1920.

SUMMARY OF TOTALS.

The **Combined Total** of books issued and consulted at the Central Lending, Reference, and Patent Libraries, and at the Almondbury Branch Library for the year was 245,705, a decrease of 28,606 on last year, but 6,328 higher than in 1918.

The **Total Issues** from all departments since the opening of the Libraries, 22 years ago, amount to 4,363,860.

The **Total Stock** of books in all departments (exclusive of Patent Library) is now 45,243, an increase of 1,562. (See Table I., page 13.)

**CENTRAL LIBRARY.**

**LENDING DEPARTMENT.**

The **Number of Volumes** in stock is now 33,299, an increase of 1,127. Worn out volumes, to the number of 414, have been replaced, making the total number acquired during the year 1,541. There are still about 3,500 worn out books awaiting replacement. To obtain the required copies is becoming increasingly difficult.

The **Issues** from the Central Lending Library were 228,354, a decrease of 28,082. Last year the greatest increase in the history of the Library was recorded, viz : 30,602. Compared with the previous year, 225,834, the issue is higher by 2,520. The daily average works out at 868, as against 968 last year and 863 the previous year. (See Tables II., page 14 and III., page 15.

The decrease is general in all classes, the percentage of class issues to total issue remaining practically in the same proportion as last year.

The Juvenile Non-Fiction issues were 5,586, as against 6740 last year, and 4,777 the previous year.

The percentage of Fiction issued was 65. Last year, 63.8. Previous year, 66.7. It should be noted that the percentage is calculated on Lending Library issues only.

The number of books in embossed type issued to blind readers was 503. Last year, 611.

During the year 3,056 applications for the return of overdue books were sent through the post, as against 1,715 last year, and 1,327 the previous year. In this connection it may be noted that the receipts from fines were £57 higher than last year. This probably has some bearing on the falling off in issues in the non-fiction classes.

Bespoken Books post cards to the number of 2,296 were dealt with, the number last year being 1,986.

The number of **Borrowers' Cards** in force (Table IV., page 16) is 10,304, as against 10,265, an increase of 39. Non-Fiction (extra) Cards are held in addition by 2,209 borrowers, as against 2,050 last year. The simplification of the method of applying for these latter cards is much appreciated by borrowers, and renders their issue more convenient to the staff.

The publication in the local papers of Lists of Additions to the Libraries, which has been discontinued for some time owing to general conditions, will, I hope, soon be resumed.

As usual, in connection with Oxford Extension Lectures Courses, a Special List of books for the joint series of Lectures on "Evolution in History" was prepared.

#### FACILITIES TO TEACHERS, ETC.

The Teachers' Special Cards in force number 112, as against 161 last year; the issues on these totalled 737, as against 716.

At Almondbury the numbers are :—Cards 2, last year 3 ; issues 5, last year 9.

### COMPARATIVE TABLE.

The following table shews (Lending Library only) the number of books in stock, the total issues, daily averages, and number of borrowers each year since the opening of the Library :—

		Books in Stock.	Books Issued.	Daily Av. Issue.	No. of Borrowers
April 22nd, 1898	...	4890			
March 31st, 1899	...	7124	97015	386	4584
„ 1900	...	9360	115248	438	4298
„ 1901	...	11188	128914	493	4418
„ 1902	...	13252	141945	548	4497
„ 1903	...	14771	156478	598	5202
„ 1904	...	16567	164326	627	5269
„ 1905	...	18806	177665	663	5489
„ 1906	...	19593	183645	686	5742
„ 1907	...	20701	180152	678	5523
„ 1908	...	22004	186546	691	5631
„ 1909	...	22995	190007	722	6274
„ 1910	...	24489	194732	735	6046
„ 1911	...	25807	202385	752	6518
„ 1912	...	27076	206502	777	6623
„ 1913	...	28263	218305	824	6753
„ 1914	...	29399	210727	800	6990
„ 1915	...	30452	216161	816	7770
„ 1916	...	30395	215636	807	7093
„ 1917	...	30910	213550	802	6743
„ 1918	...	31483	225834	863	7417
„ 1919	...	32172	256436	968	8215
„ 1920	...	33299	228354	868	8095
Total issues	...	...	4110563		

### REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The number of **volumes** is now 9,005, an increase of 352. The number of **works consulted** was 10,636, as against 10,090, an increase of 546.

In this department a great deal of work in respect of classifying and cataloguing the stock has been carried out

during the year. In addition, a catalogue on Cards of the Huddersfield portion of the Yorkshire Collection has been compiled.

An additional book stack has been provided. This reduces the space available for readers, but was necessary for shelving of recent additions. Considerably more room is still required for the proper shelving and display of stock.

#### PATENT LIBRARY.

The number of Specifications and Journals consulted was 756, as against 870 ; the number of persons using this department being 94, as against 107.

Increased accomodation, which would permit of the retention of Specifications of earlier date than 15 years back, would probably result in greater use being made of this department ; searchers who require greater detail than is given in the Abridgments must, of necessity, have recourse elsewhere.

#### ALMONDBURY BRANCH.

The **number of volumes** in stock at this Branch is 2939, an increase of 83. The **Issues** during the year were 5,959, as against 6,915 last year and 5,717 the previous year.

The number of **Borrowers** is 237 (as against 219), of whom 7 hold Non-Fiction cards.

#### BINDING AND REPAIRS.

The number of volumes re-bound during the year was 1,094 ; last year 1,394. Many thousands of minor repairs have been carried out by the staff. The poor quality of paper on which books are now printed tends to a large increase in this work.

#### SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The issues from these boxes, 37 in number, which are supplied by the Education Committee to 28 of the Elementary Schools in the Borough, are shewn in a Table on page 17.



The **Total Issue** was 6,374, as against 18,734 last year. The decrease is due to the boxes not having been re-issued after they were sent in for the annual overhaul last July. The books were getting greatly reduced in number owing to inability to secure new copies of works as they became worn out, and a large proportion of the remaining stock was getting into a much worn and dilapidated condition. A report to this effect, and suggesting re-organisation on the principle of a fixed library at each school instead of the present travelling method, was sent to the Education Committee, who have decided upon such re-organisation.

#### CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE LIBRARY AND THE SCHOOLS.

In view of the general interest at present being shewn in the question of co-operation between the Public Library and the School, a note as to what is done in Huddersfield may not be out of place. In addition to the administration of the present School Libraries, which work has been undertaken by the Librarian and his staff since their inception in 1906, the Public Library provides for each elementary school (whether supplied with School Library or not) a supply of borrowers' application forms for free distribution, the purpose being to get the scholar leaving school, who is not already a borrower, to become one.

To each school was sent, on publication, a copy of the Catalogue of Juvenile Non-Fiction in the Public Library with a covering letter to the effect that the same would be found of use in directing attention to special books on subjects under study, or in advising scholars on choice of other than story books. It may be pointed out that some years ago the age for admission of juveniles was reduced from 13 to 11, a privilege which has been well used. A short time ago a commencement was made in the way of organised visits of a party of scholars in charge of a teacher. Owing to the congested state of the Lending Library this is a feature which I am afraid cannot be developed to any great extent in our

present premises. When we obtain our projected new building and have ample space this work can be carried out in a much better way, and the addition of a Children's Library and Reading Room will do much to further this work of co-operation. The Teachers' Special Cards to which reference has earlier been made, is another step in the same direction. On these cards teachers can borrow, for school purposes only, books to the number of four at any one time. They are issued in addition to the two ordinary borrower's cards which each teacher, like every other borrower, is entitled to take out.

### ART GALLERY.

Exhibitions and attendances during the 12 months :—

British Official Battle Photographs, May 19th to June 14th, 1919, 4 weeks	... ..	4573
Paintings and Etchings, by the late Sir Alfred East, R.A., July 17th to Aug. 16th, 4½ weeks	... ..	5445
Tenth Autumn Exhibition of Oil Paintings & Water Colours, Sept. 6th to Nov. 29th, 12 weeks	... ..	12606
Oil Paintings and Water Colours, by the late C. Napier Hemy, R.A., Dec. 26th, 1919 to Jan. 24th, 1920, 4½ weeks	... ..	6143
Permanent Collection, Feb. 2nd to April 7th, 9½ weeks	... ..(estimated)	2620
		<hr/>
		31387

Last year, 5 Exhibitions ; 23,449 visitors.

Considerable interest was evinced in the Battle Photographs Exhibition. Copies of seven of the Exhibits were sold.

The East Exhibition was an interesting one, shewing in full the versatility of the artist, and was well attended. One picture was purchased for the Permanent Collection.

The Hemy Exhibition was also of great interest, ranging from a series of sketches to the last large oil painting exhibited by the artist in the Royal Academy in 1915. Two pictures were sold.

The Autumn Exhibition attracted a larger number of visitors than any that have been held, the weekly average being 1,050. Five pictures were purchased for the Permanent Collection, and four were sold.

In addition to purchases, the Permanent Collection has been enriched by three gifts, making the total acquisitions for the year, four oil paintings, four water colours, and one sculpture, as follows :—

#### OIL PAINTINGS.

“Richmond Bridge,” by Alexander Akerbladh. Purchased.

“Geraniums,” by E. Beatrice Bland. Purchased.

“Sunlit Pastures,” by W. Evans Linton, R.W.A. Purchased.

“The Shepherdess,” by Sir Alfred East, R.A. Purchased.

#### WATER COLOURS.

“The Desert Post,” by A. Lamplough. Presented by Lady Raynor.

“Venice from the Lido, by P. Moffat Lindner, A.R.W.S. Purchased.

“The Viaduct,” by Lewis T. Gibb. Purchased.

“The Valley of the East Lyn, N. Devon,” by William Callow. Presented by Edwin Brook, Esq., Newmill.

#### SCULPTURE.

“Rebekah at the Well,” by Samuel Kitson. Presented by William Brooke, Esq., J.P.

## STAFF.

I regret to report the death, on Nov. 6th last, of Miss Stone, whose resignation, owing to ill-health, was mentioned in last year's Report.

Miss H. Flood and Miss E. Lister, Temporary Junior Assistants, were appointed on the permanent staff.

H. Townend was demobilised in November last, but did not resume his appointment.

In consequence of this, Miss Bruce, who had served as a temporary assistant since 27th April, 1916, was transferred to the permanent staff.

Mr. F. J. Boardman, First Senior Assistant, resigned in March, on appointment to a position as Senior Assistant Central Lending Library, Cardiff.

## HUDDERSFIELD ROLL OF HONOUR.

A large amount of time has been spent entering the names on the forms as a nucleus for this Roll, but a great amount of work still remains to be done, for which it is hoped to enlist the help of Secretaries having charge of Rolls of Honour in the various parishes, the schools, clubs, associations, etc., in the Borough.

## GENERAL.

It is with great regret that I record the death, on March 20th last, of Mr. J. W. Piercy, LL.B., whose services as a Co-opted member of this Committee since 1910 have been greatly appreciated.

The usual Lists of Periodicals and of Donors of Books, etc., have been again omitted from this report, owing to the need for compression. 108 volumes, 62 pamphlets, and a framed photograph of B. Platoon, Volunteers have been received. To all the donors the thanks of the Committee have been conveyed.

A crayon portrait of the late Sir Joseph Crosland, by William M. Hannah, was purchased.

The Chairman and I attended the Annual Conference of the Library Association, at Southport, and a report on the proceedings was presented at the next meeting of the Committee. At this Conference the Interim Report of the Adult Education Committee appointed by the Ministry of Reconstruction was extensively discussed, together with the Memorandum of the Library Association submitted to the President of the Board of Education, setting forth the views and policy of the Library Association. The Committee on receipt of my report passed a resolution in support of the attitude of the Library Association, which was opposed to the transfer of the control of Public Libraries to the Local Education Authorities, as recommended by the Adult Education Committee, the personnel of which was such that they were not representative of the institutions and subjects concerned and discussed.

Many of their recommendations have been anticipated and put into operation at many libraries already, including Huddersfield, *e.g.*, Open Access, lectures, facilities to students, students' extra cards, co-operation between schools and public libraries, provision of children's section, and technical and commercial sections.

The outstanding feature in the Library world this year was the passing of the Public Libraries Act, 1919, which gives to County Councils power to establish Public Libraries, and abolishes the 1d. rate limit, matters which the Library Association have strongly advocated for a number of years. Though this Act does not directly affect us locally, as we are established under a Local Act, still the impetus which such removal will give to the Library movement generally, and the opportunity it gives for our Public Libraries to be supported in the manner their work has long merited cannot fail to be generally felt. By providing the means for extension of

activities on lines which were prohibited by the 1d. limit, Libraries will be placed in a position to become more effective instruments for the advancement of the public good, and of general culture.

The Library has this year been connected with the Post Office Telephone System.

An annual subscription to the Central Library for Students has been taken up. This Library appears to have a great future before it. As it is built up it will provide a reserve of books of a special character, which can be called upon to provide the needs of students beyond such books as are contained in the Local Public Libraries.

It is sincerely to be desired that the Committee's hopes of a new building which will provide accomodation adèquate to the needs of the Library may before long be realised. The utilisation of the site provided by Sir J. Frecheville Ramsden would provide for our requirements in an ample manner.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

FREDK. C. COLE,

May, 1920.

Librarian and Curator.



TABLE I.—Shewing the number of volumes in the Libraries at March 31st, 1919, the number added during the year, the numbers withdrawn and transferred, and the total at March 31st, 1920.

LENDING LIBRARIES.									
CENTRAL.						ALMONDBURY.			
Class.	March 31st, 1919.	No. added.	No. of Withdrawals	Trans. to Almondbury.	Total at March 31st, 1920.	March 31st, 1919.	No. added inc transfers.	Total at March 31st, 1920.	Percentg
A. Religion and Philosophy ..	1835	65	1	2	1897	107	3	110	3·8
B. Social Science ..	1498	90	...	...	1588	82	9	91	3·1
C. Natural Science ..	1560	54	1	1	1612	184	2	186	6·3
D. Fine and Useful Arts ..	3676	208	5	1	3878	227	17	244	8·3
E. History, Geography, and Travel	4212	100	2	1	4309	390	5	395	13·4
F. Biography ..	2295	57	1	...	2351	296	1	267	9·1
G. Language, Literature, and Poetry	2650	65	1	...	2714	233	...	233	7·9
H. Fiction ..	10664	370	4	1	11029	1102	43	1145	39·0
J. Juvenile ..	3030	126	...	...	3156	265	3	268	9·1
K. Magazines and Bibliography ..	752	13	...	...	765	...	...	...	...
Totals ..	32172	1148	15	6	33299	2856	83	2939	100·0

REFERENCE LIBRARY.			
8653	352	...	9005

TABLE II.—Shewing the number and classification of the volumes issued during the year 1919-20.

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.											
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	Totals
April, 1919 ..	236	262	380	1174	736	300	576	12896	3193	115	19868
May, ..	239	226	357	1123	769	272	600	12996	3129	117	19828
June, ..	224	147	290	879	633	221	498	10521	2616	82	16111
July, ..	257	197	266	907	614	203	427	10787	2663	97	16418
August, ..	210	201	307	1057	655	245	481	11545	3010	84	17795
September, ..	209	219	274	1093	668	255	442	11238	2744	71	17213
October, ..	294	274	440	1346	773	362	636	13247	3297	103	20772
November, ..	295	270	498	1335	772	294	599	13147	3225	104	20539
December, ..	225	229	376	1101	755	255	510	11540	2896	89	17976
January, 1920..	290	235	476	1423	953	324	715	14403	3361	61	22241
February, ..	282	205	438	1273	846	263	598	12642	2857	70	19474
March, ..	295	232	444	1279	780	261	571	13153	2979	125	20119
Totals .....	<b>3056</b>	<b>2697</b>	<b>4546</b>	<b>13990</b>	<b>8954</b>	<b>3255</b>	<b>6653</b>	<b>148115</b>	<b>*35970</b>	<b>1118</b>	<b>228354</b>
Class per centage	1.3	1.1	2.0	6.0	4.0	1.4	3.0	65.0	15.7	.5	100
Last year	3151	3116	5068	14211	10571	4007	7476	163801	*43510	1525	256436
	1.6	1.2	1.9	5.5	4.1	1.5	2.8	63.8	17.0	.6	100
Almondbury ..	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>4453</b>	<b>1113</b>	..	<b>5959</b>
Last year ..	22	7	38	70	158	43	69	5010	1488	10	6915
Central Library open 263 days. Last year, 265 days.											
Almondbury Branch open on 94 days. Last year, on 100 days.											
*Note—Juv. Non-fiction issues (5586) now counted in under respective class headings											

## REFERENCE LIBRARY.

In the Reference Library 10636 volumes were consulted during the same period. Last year 10090.  
 In the Patent Library 756 Specifications and Journals were consulted. Last year 870.

TABLE III.—Shewing the Total Annual Issues in each Class, and each Department.

Year ended Mar. 31st.	CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.												Alm'd- bury Branch.	Refer- ence Library	Patent Library
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	Total.	D. Av			
1899	1486	536	1491	2795	4012	1865	2377	71377	11025	51	97015	386	..	1765	..
1900	1404	506	1673	3116	4891	1971	2469	88049	11073	96	115248	438	..	1770	..
1901	1416	687	1692	3801	5121	2312	2620	99162	11922	181	128914	493	..	1765	..
1902	1541	645	1853	5364	5028	2551	2850	108380	13216	517	141945	548	..	1808	..
1903	2193	728	2202	6693	5645	2860	3090	113837	17497	1733	156478	598	..	2458	†736
1904	2794	1248	2545	7700	6031	2702	3048	115953	21204	1101	164326	627	..	3975	880
1905	2777	1286	2776	9168	6291	2870	3448	123459	24370	1220	177665	663	..	3574	676
1906	2942	1552	2936	9311	6624	3017	4063	126653	25211	1336	183645	686	*782	4642	576
1907	2844	1723	2323	8837	6481	3117	4756	123408	25735	928	180152	678	5176	4337	924
1908	2981	2292	2082	9607	6450	3157	4947	126682	27296	1052	186546	691	4470	4827	1002
1909	2958	2073	2459	9093	6875	3511	5174	130187	26762	915	190007	722	3871	4959	1381
1910	3413	1874	2695	9223	6486	3099	5019	135340	26890	684	194732	735	3695	4557	1231
1911	3826	1720	3202	10825	7703	3611	5624	140172	25196	506	202385	752	4181	5959	1598
1912	3551	1755	3541	11745	8739	4013	5665	143259	23626	608	206502	777	5129	6138	1178
1913	3575	1684	3687	11871	8763	3607	5573	149257	29687	601	218305	824	5848	5425	931
1914	3643	1626	3825	12710	8860	3585	6246	144824	24542	866	210727	800	5445	7639	962
1915	3112	1736	3680	11959	8596	3289	6119	146316	30476	878	216161	816	6204	7664	704
1916	3004	2046	3721	11495	8214	3170	6014	138303	38325	1443	215636	807	5812	7224	960
1917	3089	2118	3827	10672	8578	3216	6119	136750	37959	1222	213550	802	5270	6755	707
1918	3081	2359	4205	11487	8640	3359	5840	150646	35010	1207	225834	863	5717	7254	572
1919	3151	3116	5068	14211	10571	4007	7476	163801	43510	1525	256436	968	6915	10090	870
1920	3056	2697	4546	13990	8954	3255	6653	148115	35970	1118	228354	868	5959	10636	756

\* Almondbury Branch opened February, 1906.

† Patent Library transferred from the Town Hall, July, 1902.

TABLE IV.—Shewing the Sex and Ages of Borrowers.

	CENTRAL.		ALMONDBURY.	
	Ordinary Cards.	Non-Fiction Cards.	Ordinary Cards.	Non-Fiction Cards.
(A.) Number of Ratepayers .. .. .	2112	725	48	3
Number of Non-Ratepayers .. .. .	5983	1484	189	4
Totals .. .. .	8095	2209	237	7
(For Totals in previous years see Compar. Table p. 5).	10304		244	
Total number of Tickets in force .. .. .		10548		
(B.) Number of Males .. .. .	4041	..	85	..
Number of Females .. .. .	4054	..	152	..
Totals .. .. .	8095	..	237	..
(C.) Ages of Borrowers (Non-Ratepayers only) :—				
11 to 12 .. .. .	781	..	39	..
13 to 15 .. .. .	980	..	23	..
16 to 20 .. .. .	942	..	26	..
21 to 30 .. .. .	893	..	23	..
31 to 40 .. .. .	442	..	10	..
41 to 60 .. .. .	264	..	4	..
61 and over .. .. .	41	..	2	..
Not stated .. .. .	1640	..	62	..
Totals .. .. .	5983	..	189	..

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES ISSUES,

April 1st, 1919, to July, 1919.

SCHOOLS.		ISSUES.			
<b>MIXED.</b>		No. of Boxes.	Non- Fiction.	Fiction.	Totals.
Bradley National	...	1	30	137	167
Crosland Moor Council	...	2	13	69	82
Crosland Moor National	...	1	40	110	150
Deighton Council	...	1	17	75	92
Lindley National	...	2	139	402	541
Lockwood National	...	1	86	281	367
Longwood National	...	1	64	207	271
Lowerhouses C. E.	...	1	23	69	92
Moldgreen C. E.	...	1	35	161	196
Newsome National	...	1	46	148	194
Outlane Council	...	1	...	...	...
Paddock Council	...	3	87	338	425
Spring Grove Council	...	2	...	...	...
Woodhouse National	...	1	14	113	127
<b>BOYS.</b>					
Berry Brow Council	...	1	11	84	95
Goitfield Council	...	1	36	142	178
Moldgreen Council	...	1	81	182	263
Mount Pleasant Council	...	2	106	528	634
Oakes Council	...	2	176	438	614
Paddock National	...	1	...	...	...
Stile Common Council	...	1	76	177	253
<b>GIRLS.</b>					
Berry Brow Council	...	1	59	253	312
Moldgreen Council	...	1	...	...	...
Mount Pleasant Council	...	2	32	358	390
Oakes Council	...	2	4	267	271
Paddock National	...	1	100	246	346
Spark Hall Council	...	1	...	...	...
Stile Common Council	...	1	42	272	314
Totals	...	37	1317	5057	6374



## APPENDIX.

TABLE 1.—GENERAL.

Population... .. (estimated)	115,000
Amount of Rate ... ..	1½d.
Cost of Library Service per inhabitant	4.7d.
*Total cost of Library per inhabitant } including Branch	7.1d.
No. of Branches ... ..	1
No. of Staff (Whole Time) :	
Male ... ..	4
Female ... ..	7
No. of Staff (Part Time) :	
Male ... ..	1
Female ... ..	1

\* Includes Art Gallery expenditure.

TABLE 2.—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

INCOME :—					Percentage of Total.
From Rate ... ..	£2938				85.7
Library Receipts (Fines, Catalogues, etc.) ... ..	£387				11.3
*Other sources ... ..	£102				3.0
Total ... ..	£3427				100.0
* Includes Credit Balance, 1919, Bank Interest, and Art Gallery Receipts.					
LIBRARY SERVICE EXPENDITURE :					
Books ... ..	£602				17.6
Binding and Repairing ... ..	£104				3.0
Newspapers and Periodicals ... ..	£199				5.8
Fittings and Furniture ... ..	£45				1.3
Printing and Stationery ... ..	£75				2.2
Salaries ... ..	£1138				33.2
Total ... ..	£2163				63.1



**TABLE 2.—Continued.**

FABRIC CHARGES (Library Proportion):						Percentage of Total.
Rent	...	...	...	...	£165	4.8
Rates and Taxes	...	...	...	...	£45	1.3
Upkeep of Building	...	...	...	...	£66	1.9
Heating and Lighting (including wages of caretakers, &c.)	...	...	...	...	£314	9.2
Total	...	...	...	...	£590	17.2
Art Gallery	...	...	...	...	£516	15.1
Almondbury Branch	...	...	...	...	£110	3.2
Credit Balance, March 31st, 1920	...	...	...	...	£48	1.4
Total Expenditure	...	...	...	...	£3427	100.0

**TABLE 3.—STOCKS.**

	Lending Libraries. Central.	Branch.	Reference Library.
No. of vols. at beginning of year	32172	2856	8653
No. of vols. withdrawn during year ... ..	15	—	—
Additions during year... .. *(including 414 Replacements)	*1547	83	352
Total vols. at end of year ...	33299	2939	9005
Volumes per head of population	1 per 3.4		1 per 12.7

**TABLE 4.—ISSUES.**

	Totals.	Daily Average.
Central Lending Library ... ..	228,354	868
Branch Library ... ..	5,959	61
Reference Library recorded issues ...	11,392	43
Reference Library Open Shelves (estimated)	26,000	99
Total Issues ... ..	271,705	
Issues from Lending Library per head of population ... ..	2.0	
Total Issues, per head of population ...	2.3	

**TABLE 5.—BORROWERS.**

No. of Actual Borrowers ... ..	8332
Percentage of Borrowers to population ... ..	7.2
No. of Supplementary Readers' Tickets held ...	2216
Total Borrowers' Tickets in use (valid for one year)	10548

## COUNTY BOROUGH OF HUDDERSFIELD.

## Public Library and Art Gallery Fund Account for the year ended March 31st, 1920.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ART  
GALLERY, HUDDERSFIELD.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report, covering the year ended 31st March, 1921, the 23rd submitted.

SUMMARY OF TOTALS.

The **Recorded Total** of books issued and consulted at the Central Lending, Reference, and Patent Libraries, and at the Almondbury Branch Library for the year was 249,996, an increase of 4,291 on last year. The Consultations of the General and Trades' Directories, etc., are not included in this total, no record of their use being made.

The **Total Issues** from all departments since the opening of the Libraries, 23 years ago, is 4,613,856.

The **Total Stock** of books and pamphlets in all departments (exclusive of Patent Library) is now 46,419, an increase of 1,176. (See Table I., page 10).

**CENTRAL LIBRARY.**

**LENDING DEPARTMENT.**

The **Number of Volumes** in stock is now 34,180, an increase of 881. Worn-out volumes, to the number of 630, have been replaced, making the total number acquired during the year 1,511. There are still a very large number of worn-out books awaiting replacement. Owing to the high prices now obtaining, and the difficulty of securing suitable copies, this is a matter which can only be attended to by degrees, and out-of-print works and redundant copies will have to be written off. This will reduce the total to some extent, but this question of replacements, and in relation thereto, binding and repairs, is one which will, in the near future, bulk largely in our budget.

The **Issues** from the Central Lending Library were 232,952, an increase of 4,598. The daily average issue works

out at 890, as against 868 last year. (See Tables II., page 11, and III., page 12).

Increases are shewn in the issues of imaginative literature (Fiction, 7,594 ; Literature and Poetry, 324), decreases being shewn in the other classes, but as will be seen from Table II., there is very little variation in the class percentage figures. The fall in the issues which was noted throughout last year continued until August, since when there has been a decided upward trend. One curious feature that may be noted, is that the Juvenile issues have shewn increases since the School Libraries system was re-organised and extended to all the Schools in the Borough in October last.

The percentage of Fiction issued, calculated on Lending Library issues only, was 66.8. Last year 65.

The number of books in embossed type issued to blind readers was 421. Last year 503. The reduction is to a large extent due to the special facilities afforded by the National Lending Library for the Blind in the supply and exchange of books direct to individual readers at a cost of only 1d. postage per volume each way. This has been taken advantage of by the quickest of our blind readers, who previously were at times held up, by the books sent to us only being changed at stated intervals.

During the year 2,871 applications for the return of overdue books were sent through the post, as against 3,056 last year, and 1,715 the previous year, and 2,173 Bespoken Books post cards were sent out, last year 2,296.

The number of **Borrowers' Cards** in force (Table IV., page 13) is 10,386, an increase of 82. Non-Fiction (extra) Cards are held by 2,530 borrowers, as against 2,209 last year.

In connection with the Mayflower Centenary, a special list of Books was published in the local papers, reprints of the same being secured for distribution.

No book list was issued on the last course of Oxford Extension Lectures owing to its very wide scope. The

Travelling Library was, as usual, kept at the Library and the syllabus marked to shew what books therein were in the Public Library. Your Librarian is still a member of the Extension Lectures Executive Committee.

### FACILITIES TO TEACHERS.

The Teachers' Special Cards in force number 112, the same as last year ; the issues on these being 690, as against 737.

At Almondbury the numbers are :—Cards, 2 ; Issues, 10.

### COMPARATIVE TABLE.

The following table shews (Lending Library only) the number of books in stock, the total issues, daily averages, and number of borrowers each year since the opening of the Library :—

		Books in Stock.	Books Issued.	Daily Av. Issue.	No. of Borrowers
April 22nd, 1898	...	4890			
March 31st, 1899	...	7124	97015	386	4584
„ 1900	...	9360	115248	438	4298
„ 1901	...	11188	128914	493	4418
„ 1902	...	13252	141945	548	4497
„ 1903	...	14771	156478	598	5202
„ 1904	...	16567	164326	627	5269
„ 1905	...	18806	177665	663	5489
„ 1906	...	19593	183645	686	5742
„ 1907	...	20701	180152	678	5523
„ 1908	...	22004	186546	691	5631
„ 1909	...	22995	190007	722	6274
„ 1910	...	24489	194732	735	6046
„ 1911	...	25807	202385	752	6518
„ 1912	...	27076	206502	777	6623
„ 1913	...	28263	218305	824	6753
„ 1914	...	29399	210727	800	6990
„ 1915	...	30452	216161	816	7770
„ 1916	...	30395	215636	807	7093
„ 1917	...	30910	213550	802	6743
„ 1918	...	31483	225834	863	7417
„ 1919	...	32172	256436	968	8215
„ 1920	...	33299	228354	868	8095
„ 1921	...	34180	232952	890	7856
Total issues	...	...	4343515		



## REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The number of **Volumes** is now 9,280, an increase of 275. The number of **works consulted** was 11,290, as against 10,636, an increase of 654.

The expansion of the Class List on cards of the Reference Library stock into an adequate catalogue has been proceeded with so far as circumstances have permitted, and it is hoped to have the work completed in the near future.

An important addition is the Original Deed or Charter, dated 1st Dec., 1357, a quit-claim by Sir Robert de Beaumont, relating to the Manor of Crosland, with its appurtenances, and of lands at Huddersfield, Whitley and Meltham—one of the earliest known deeds relating to land in the district.

The card catalogue of the Local Collection has been completed, and should render the collection more accessible and useful to students and readers.

## PATENT LIBRARY.

The number of Specifications and Journals consulted was 713, as against 756 last year; the number of persons using this department being 105, as against 94.

## ALMONDBURY BRANCH.

The **number of volumes** in stock is now 2,959, an increase of 20. The **Issues** during the year were 5,039, as against 5959, a decrease of 920.

The number of **Borrowers** is 184 (as against 237), of whom 22 hold Non-Fiction cards.

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## BINDING AND REPAIRS.

The number of volumes re-bound during the year was 1,262; last year 1,094.

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## COMMERCIAL SECTION.

The Special List of Business Books was published in December last, and was brought to the notice of the Chamber



of Commerce and the Chamber of Trade (which latter took up a number of copies). Notices regarding the List were inserted in the Journal and the Year Book of the respective Chambers, and publicity was secured by favourable notices in the local and other papers. A copy was sent to the Principal of the Technical College, who was, on request, supplied with further copies for use in the Commercial Department there.

The List, which extends to 54 pages, is comprehensive in scope, and includes works on Banking, Customs and Excise, Finance, Insurance, Law, Money, Patents and Trade marks, Transport, Welfare work ; with Lists of Dictionaries, Gazetteers, Government Publications, Periodicals ; in addition to those coming more closely under the heading Commerce and Trade, and its divisions and sub-headings.

### **SCHOOL LIBRARIES, ETC.**

As noted in last year's report, the Education Committee decided upon the re-organisation of the School Library System and its extension to all the 45 Elementary Schools of the Borough on the principle of a fixed library at each School, following on the lines recommended in my Report to them on the subject. It was further decided that the control of their administration should, in future, be direct through the Education Office ; thus bringing to an end the work carried out in this connection by your Librarian since the inauguration of the School Libraries in 1906.

The issues from October, 1920, to March, 31st, 1921, are returned as 43,881.

### **WORK WITH SCHOLARS.**

The Juvenile Collection has been increased by 64 volumes and now contains 3,220 volumes.

The **Total Issue** was 38,478 volumes.

No further development in the matter of organised visits of parties of scholars, other than that noted in last year's

Report is to be recorded, but certain suggestions which I am bringing to the notice of the Head Teachers may result in some extension.

### ART GALLERY.

Exhibitions and attendances during the 12 months :—

Huddersfield Art Society, April 22nd to May 29th (5½ weeks)	... ..	6302
Permanent Collection, July 12th to Aug. 7th (4 weeks) estimated	... ..	1000
Eleventh Autumn Exhibition of Oil Paintings and Water Colours, Sept. 1st to Nov. 27th (12½ weeks)	... ..	13743
Original prints reproduced in "Photograms of the Year, 1919," Dec. 16th to Jan. 15th (4½ weeks)	... ..	5678
Water Colour Drawings of Natal and Zululand, by Miss Dorothea M. Vyvyan, Feb. 5th to March 1st (3½ weeks)	... ..	6231
		<hr/> 32954

Last year, 5 Exhibitions ; 31,387 visitors.

Previous year, 5 Exhibitions ; 23,449 visitors.

The Autumn Exhibition was visited by a larger number than any previously held, the weekly average being 1,099. Four pictures were purchased and one was presented by the Artist for the Permanent Collection, and five were sold from the Exhibition.

The "Photograms" Exhibition, comprising photographs by workers in all quarters of the world, all of a high technical and artistic level, was of great interest, and much appreciated by visitors. Miss Vyvyan's pictures made an unusually attractive exhibition. The method of arrangement was on the lines of a journey through the country, which could easily be followed by a map, and the varied character of the scenery, and changes in appearance, due to the seasons, were strikingly brought out, the interest of the exhibition being thereby enhanced. The weekly average number of visitors was 1,780.

An offer to present specimens of Elton Ware, manufactured in the private workshop of the late Sir Edmund Harry Elton, Bart., was accepted.

In addition to purchases the Permanent Collection has been enriched by a number of gifts, making the total additions for the year :—two oil paintings, seven water colours, one pastel, one crayon drawing, one etching, and two sculptures, as follow :—

#### OIL PAINTINGS.

- Pearson, H. J.—“ On the Verandah.” Purchased.  
 Powles, Lewis C.—“ River Scene.” Presented by the Artist.

#### WATER COLOURS.

- McCannell, Otway—“ The Riders.” Purchased.  
 Pearson, John—“ An Autumn Afternoon in the Wessenden Valley, about 1880.” Presented by the Artist.  
 Hartland, H. Albert—“ April Showers, Dursey Island.” Bequeathed by the late Joel Thomas, Esq.  
 Sykes, Peace—“ On the Wharfe, Bolton Woods.” Ditto.  
 Tucker, Arthur—“ A Wayside Cottage.” Ditto.  
 Tucker, Arthur—“ By the Lake.” Ditto.  
 Watkin, Isabel—“ Low Tide.” Purchased.

#### PASTEL AND CRAYON.

- Hammond, T. W.—“ Beacon Hill, Cromer.” (Pastel). Purchased.  
 Masson, B.—“ The Kiss of Judas.” (Crayon). Presented by H. T. Young, Esq.

#### ETCHING.

- Milner, J. H.—“ Market Place, Woodbridge.” Presented by the Artist.

## SCULPTURE.

Lombardi—"Girl reading." (1870). Presented by the Executors of the late Sir J. A. Brooke, Bart.

Kitson, Samuel—"Abel." (1887). Ditto.

The arrangement with the British Dyestuffs Corporation for the Exhibition of Pictures by Mr. A. H. K. Hammond, painted on the works, was not given effect to, but a set of 38 black and white reproductions of the pictures has been presented.

## STAFF.

Following on the resignation of Mr. Boardman, First Senior Assistant, reported last year, Miss Elsie Dyson, Third Senior, resigned in May. Two Juniors were appointed.

In December last, Miss Phillips, Second Senior, resigned and up to March 31st her place had not been filled. The loss of three seniors severely affected the work of the Library, and it will be some time before its effects can be overcome.

It was highly desirable that a trained senior assistant should be appointed, and the post was advertised but no suitable applicants were forthcoming. Two girls of 16 have since been appointed.

At the Library Association Examination Mr. Goulden was successful in passing Sec. 2, Bibliography and Book Selection.

## HUDDERSFIELD ROLL OF HONOUR.

As a result of an appeal to Secretaries of Rolls of Honour at the various places of worship in the Borough, the compilation of our Roll has progressed considerably, though much remains to be done.

## GENERAL.

Lists of Periodicals and Donors of Books, etc. are again omitted, owing to the need for compression. 169 volumes and pamphlets, and a framed colour lithograph, after W.

Cowen's oil painting, "View of Huddersfield in 1850," have been received, to all the donors of which the thanks of the Committee have been conveyed.

Notification was received on 31st Dec. that the Estate Committce were increasing the rent of these premises from £206 to £300 as from 1st November, 1921.

Since the opening in 1898, the services of a Constable have been engaged for Sunday duty in the Reading Rooms. This arrangement was terminated at the end of January, and a man has been engaged for this duty.

The Library Association Conference, held at Norwich, was attended by the Chairman and myself, and a report of the proceedings was presented at the next meeting of the Committee. The President was the Rt. Hon. Herbt. Lewis, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education. Among the subjects discussed on a very crowded programme, were "The Central Library for Students," "The Rural Library Problem," "The New Public Libraries Act," "The Report of the Public Records Commission," "The Subject Index to Periodicals," "Libraries and Adult Education in rural areas."

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

FREDK. C. COLE,

Librarian and Curator.

1st July, 1921.

TABLE I.—Shewing the number of volumes in the Libraries at March 31st, 1920, the number added during the year, the numbers withdrawn and transferred, and the total at March 31st, 1921.

LENDING LIBRARIES.									
Class.	CENTRAL.					ALMONDBURY.			
	March 31st, 1920.	No. added.	No. of Withdrawals	Trans. to Almondbury.	Total at March 31st, 1921.	March 31st, 1920.	No. added inc.transfers.	Total at March 31st, 1921.	Percentg
					Percentg				
A. Religion and Philosophy	1897	44	...	...	1941	110	...	110	3·7
B. Social Science	1588	62	...	...	1650	91	...	91	3·1
C. Natural Science	1612	45	...	...	1657	186	1	187	6·3
D. Fine and Useful Arts	3878	138	...	...	4016	244	...	244	8·2
E. History, Geography, and Travel	4309	105	...	...	4414	395	1	396	13·4
F. Biography	2351	54	...	...	2405	267	1	268	9·1
G. Language, Literature, and Poetry	2714	99	...	...	2813	233	...	233	7·9
H. Fiction	11029	270	...	...	11299	1145	14	1159	39·2
J. Juvenile	3156	64	...	...	3220	268	3	271	9·1
K. Magazines and Bibliography	765	...	...	...	765	...	...	...	...
Totals	33299	881	...	...	34180	2939	20	2959	100·0

REFERENCE LIBRARY.			
9005	275	...	9280



TABLE II.—Shewing the number and classification of the volumes issued during the year 1920-21.

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.											
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	Totals
April, 1920 ..	254	179	386	1072	723	254	585	12207	2924	82	18666
May, ..	226	180	371	964	689	277	496	11665	2801	102	17771
June, ..	197	142	333	919	666	215	458	11227	2369	87	16613
July, ..	209	151	319	979	726	203	547	12138	2542	118	17932
August, ..	202	174	309	904	564	202	485	11059	2217	69	16185
September, ..	231	181	303	961	567	179	584	11797	2410	62	17275
October, ..	292	214	432	1227	727	283	669	13003	3368	76	21191
November, ..	282	209	405	1338	765	297	639	14056	3495	73	21559
December, ..	263	228	328	1130	593	244	571	12868	3006	69	19300
January, 1921..	338	223	382	1410	784	320	678	15963	3500	87	23685
February, ..	255	216	398	1288	821	279	630	14132	2916	52	20987
March, ..	306	230	402	1290	820	354	635	14694	2987	70	21788
Totals ....	<b>3055</b>	<b>2327</b>	<b>4368</b>	<b>13482</b>	<b>8445</b>	<b>3107</b>	<b>6977</b>	<b>155709</b>	<b>34535</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>232952</b>
Class per centage	1·3	1·0	1·9	5·8	3·6	1·3	3·0	66·8	14·9	·4	100
Last year	3056	2697	4546	13990	8954	3255	6653	148115	*35970	1118	228354
	1·3	1·1	2·0	6·0	4·0	1·4	3·0	65·0	15·7	·5	100
Almondbury ..	<b>3</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4102</b>	<b>635</b>	..	<b>5039</b>
Last year ..	14	18	54	103	119	28	57	4453	1113	..	5959
											61

Central Library open 261 $\frac{3}{4}$  days. Last year, 263 days.  
 Almondbury Branch open on 98 days. Last year, on 94 days.

\*Note—Juv. Non-fiction issues (3943) now counted in under respective class headings

## REFERENCE LIBRARY.

In the Reference Library 11290 volumes were consulted during the same period. Last year 10636.  
 In the Patent Library 713 Specifications and Journals were consulted. Last year 756.

TABLE III.—Shewing the Total Annual Issues in each Class, and each Department.

Year ended Mar. 31st.	CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.											Alm-ond- bury Branch.	Refer- ence Library	Patent Library
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	Total.	D. Av		
1899	1486	536	1491	2795	4012	1865	2377	71377	11025	51	97015	386	1765	..
1900	1404	506	1673	3116	4891	1971	2469	88049	11073	96	115248	438	1770	..
1901	1416	687	1692	3801	5121	2312	2620	99162	11922	181	128914	493	1765	..
1902	1541	645	1853	5364	5028	2551	2850	108380	13216	517	141945	548	1808	..
1903	2193	728	2202	6693	5645	2860	3090	113837	17497	1733	156478	598	2458	†736
1904	2794	1248	2545	7700	6031	2702	3048	115953	21204	1101	164326	627	3975	880
1905	2777	1286	2776	9168	6291	2870	3448	123459	24370	1220	177665	663	3574	676
1906	2942	1552	2936	9311	6624	3017	4063	126653	25211	1336	183645	686	*782	576
1907	2844	1723	2323	8837	6481	3117	4756	123408	25735	928	180152	678	5176	924
1908	2981	2292	2082	9607	6450	3157	4947	126682	27296	1052	186546	691	4470	1002
1909	2958	2073	2459	9093	6875	3511	5174	130187	26762	915	190007	722	3871	1381
1910	3413	1874	2695	9223	6486	3099	5019	135340	26890	684	194732	735	3695	1231
1911	3826	1720	3202	10825	7703	3611	5624	140172	25196	506	202385	752	4181	1598
1912	3551	1755	3541	11745	8739	4013	5665	143259	23626	608	206502	777	5129	1178
1913	3575	1684	3687	11871	8763	3607	5573	149257	29687	601	218305	824	5848	931
1914	3643	1626	3825	12710	8860	3585	6246	144824	24542	866	210727	800	5445	962
1915	3112	1736	3680	11959	8596	3289	6119	146316	30470	878	216161	816	6204	704
1916	3004	2046	3721	11495	8214	3170	6014	138303	38325	1443	215636	807	5812	960
1917	3089	2118	3827	10672	8578	3216	6119	136750	37959	1222	213550	802	5270	707
1918	3081	2359	4205	11487	8640	3359	5840	150646	35010	1207	225834	863	5717	572
1919	3151	3116	5068	14211	10571	4007	7476	163801	43510	1525	256436	968	6915	870
1920	3056	2697	4546	13990	8954	3255	6653	148115	35970	1118	228354	868	5959	756
1921	3055	2327	4368	13482	8445	3107	6977	155709	34535	947	232952	890	5039	713

\* Almondbury Branch opened February, 1906.

† Patent Library transferred from the Town Hall, July, 1902.

TABLE IV.—Shewing the Sex and Ages of Borrowers.

	CENTRAL.		ALMONDBURY.	
	Ordinary Cards.	Non-Fiction Cards.	Ordinary Cards.	Non-Fiction Cards.
(A.) Number of Ratepayers .. .. .	2183	849	44	5
Number of Non-Ratepayers .. .. .	5673	1681	140	17
	—	—	—	—
Totals .. .. .	7856	2530	184	22
	—	—	—	—
(For Totals in previous years see Compar. Table p. 5).	10386		206	
Total number of Tickets in force .. .. .		10592		
(B.) Number of Males .. .. .	3921	..	64	..
Number of Females .. .. .	3935	..	120	..
	—	—	—	—
Totals .. .. .	7856	..	184	..
(C.) Ages of Borrowers (Non-Ratepayers only) :—				
11 to 12 .. .. .	446	..	9	..
13 to 15 .. .. .	894	..	26	..
16 to 20 .. .. .	1016	..	15	..
21 to 30 .. .. .	997	..	15	..
31 to 40 .. .. .	453	..	10	..
41 to 60 .. .. .	269	..	5	..
61 and over .. .. .	42	..	1	..
Not stated .. .. .	1556	..	59	..
	—	—	—	—
Totals .. .. .	5673	..	140	..

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES ISSUES,

October, 1920, to March, 1921.

School.	Issues.	School.	Issues.
MIXED.		BOYS.	
Almondbury C.E. ...	715	Beaumont Street Council	1306
Almondbury Council ...	841	Berry Brow Council ...	447
Birkby Council ...	1678	Goitfield Council ...	704
Bradley C.E. ...	992	Hillhouse Council ...	591
Coweliffe C.E. ...	201	Moldgreen Council ...	832
Crosland Moor C.E. ...	815	Mount Pleasant Council ...	1185
Crosland Moor Council ...	1492	Oakes Council ...	1201
Deighton Council ...	1116	Paddock C.E. ...	781
Lindley C.E. ...	875	Parish Church ...	764
Lockwood C.E. ...	784	Stile Common Council ...	1370
Longroyd Bridge C.E. ...	464		
Longwood C.E. ...	594	GIRLS.	
Lowerhouses C.E. ...	515	Beaumont Street Council	736
Moldgreen C.E. ...	659	Berry Brow Council ...	438
Newsome C.E. ...	832	Hillhouse Council ...	1187
Outlane Council ...	1459	Moldgreen Council ...	1325
Paddock Council ...	2992	Mount Pleasant Council ...	1277
Rashcliffe C.E. ...	1052	Oakes Council ...	1490
St. Andrew's C.E....	696	Paddock C.E. ...	1272
St. John's C.E. ...	729	Parish Church ...	1015
St. Patrick's R.C ...	747	Spark Hall Council ...	398
St. Paul's C.E. ...	1374	Stile Common Council ...	1110
Spring Grove Council ...	1434		
Trinity C.E. ...	669		
Woodhouse C.E. ...	727		
		Total ...	43881

## APPENDIX.

TABLE 1.—GENERAL.

Population... ..	110,120
Amount of Rate ... ..	1½d.
Cost of Library Service per inhabitant	5.5d.
*Total cost of Library per inhabitant } including Branch	8.4d.
No. of Branches ... ..	1
No. of Staff (Whole Time) :	
Male ... ..	5
Female ... ..	8
No. of Staff (Part Time) :	
Male ... ..	1
Female ... ..	1

\* Includes Art Gallery expenditure.

TABLE 2.—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

INCOME :—						Percentage of Total.
From Rate ... ..	£3062					79.4
Library Receipts (Fines, Catalogues, etc.) ... ..	£383					10.0
*Other sources ... ..	£153					4.0
Debit Balance, March 31st, 1921 ...	£257					6.6
Total ... ..	£3855					100.0
* Includes Credit Balance, 1920, Bank Interest, and Art Gallery Receipts.						
LIBRARY SERVICE EXPENDITURE :						
Books ... ..	£563					14.6
Binding and Repairing ... ..	£200					5.2
Newspapers and Periodicals ... ..	£238					6.1
Fittings and Furniture ... ..	£17					.4
Printing and Stationery ... ..	£183					4.9
Salaries ... ..	£1316					34.1
Total ... ..	£2517					65.3



**TABLE 2.—Continued.**

FABRIC CHARGES (Library Proportion):						Percentage of Total.
Rent	...	...	...	...	£165	4.3
Rates and Taxes	...	...	...	...	£57	1.2
Upkeep of Building	...	...	...	...	£67	1.7
Heating and Lighting (including wages of caretakers, &c.)	...	...	...	...	£428	11.4
Total	...	...	...	...	£717	18.6
Art Gallery	...	...	...	...	£499	12.9
Almondbury Branch	...	...	...	...	£122	3.2
Total Expenditure	...	...	...	...	£3855	100.0

**TABLE 3.—STOCKS.**

	Lending Central.	Libraries. Branch.	Reference Library.
No. of vols. at beginning of year	33299	2939	9005
No. of vols. withdrawn during year	—	—	—
Additions during year... *(including 630 Replacements)	*1511	20	275
Total vols. at end of year	34180	2959	9280
Volumes per head of population	1 per 3.0		1 per 11.9

**TABLE 4.—ISSUES.**

	Totals.	Daily Average.
Central Lending Library	232,952	890
Branch Library	5,039	51
Reference Library recorded issues	11,920	43
Reference Library Open Shelves (estimated)	26,000	99
Total Issues	275,281	
Issues from Lending Library per head of population	2.1	
Total Issues, per head of population	2.5	

**TABLE 5.—BORROWERS.**

No. of Actual Borrowers	8040
Percentage of Borrowers to population	7.3
No. of Supplementary Readers' Tickets held	2552
Total Borrowers' Tickets in use (valid for one year)	10592



TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ART  
GALLERY, HUDDERSFIELD.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report, covering the year ended March 31st, 1922, the 24th submitted.

SUMMARY OF TOTALS.

The **Recorded Total** of books issued and consulted at the Central Lending, Reference, and Patent Libraries, and at the Almondbury Branch Library for the year was 283,217, an increase of 33,223 over last year.

The **Total Issues** from all departments since the opening of the Library, 24 years ago, is 4,897,071.

The **Total Stock** of books and pamphlets in all departments (exclusive of Patent Library) is now 47,409, an increase of 990. (See Table I., page 11).

The total number of **Borrowers' Cards** in force is 11,893, an increase of 1,301.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

The **Number of Volumes** now in stock is 34,810, an increase of 630. During the year 1,085 volumes were added, 718 worn-out volumes were replaced, and 455 were withdrawn and written off, making the total number of volumes acquired 1,348. A very large number of works of Fiction still await replacement, and much deterioration is noticeable in other classes. The sum available in recent years for purchase of new books and replacements has been, owing to the rise in cost, proportionately much less than was available prior to the war, and as prices rose and the demand for current works was met, necessary replacements have had to wait. To keep pace with requirements in both directions will

necessitate a larger amount being allocated for purchase of books. For binding too, it is necessary that more should be spent in order to overtake arrears.

The **Issues** from the Central Lending Library were 265,914, an increase of 32,962. This is not only the highest issue recorded, but also the greatest increase. The daily average works out at 998, as against 890. (See Tables II., page 12, and III., page 13).

The only class to shew a decrease is K, Magazines, etc., and there is very little variation in the class percentage figures shewing the increases to be proportionate in all classes. The totals are :—Non-Fiction Classes, 49,238 ; Fiction, 177,144 ; Juvenile, 39,532. The upward trend in the latter class noted as coincident with the re-organisation and extension of the School Libraries has continued.

The percentage of Fiction issued, calculated on Lending Library issues only, was 66.6. Last year, 66.8.

The number of books in embossed type issued to blind readers was 514. Last year, 421.

During the year 2,799 applications were posted for the return of overdue books, as against 2,871 last year ; and 2,460 Bespoken Books post cards were sent out ; last year's number being 2,173.

The number of **Borrowers' Cards** in force (Table IV., page 14) is 11,674, an increase of 1,288. Non-Fiction (extra) Cards are held by 2,934 borrowers, as against 2,530 last year.

Thanks are due to the Press for publication of paragraphs and notices on Library topics. These have a distinct value in keeping before, or bringing to the notice of the public the resources of the Libraries.

In connection with the Extension Lectures on "The International Economic Situation," the travelling library was kept at the Library and a Special Reading List of Books in the Reference and Lending Departments was compiled.

A Select List of Books in the Libraries was also prepared in connection with the Exhibition of Textile Fabrics and Designs.

#### FACILITIES TO TEACHERS.

The number of Teachers' Special Cards in force is 125, as against 112 last year. The issues were 701, last year 690.

At Almondbury the figures are :—Cards, 2 ; Issues, 4.

These special cards enable the holder to take out extra books, to the number of four at one time, for teaching purposes.

#### COMPARATIVE TABLE.

The following table shews (Lending Library only) the number of books in stock, the total issues, **daily** averages, and number of borrowers each year since the opening of the Library :—

			Books in Stock.	Books Issued.	Daily Av. Issue.	No. of Borrowers
April 22nd, 1898	...		4890			
March 31st, 1899	...		7124	97015	386	4584
„ 1900	...		9360	115248	438	4298
„ 1901	...		11188	128914	493	4418
„ 1902	...		13252	141945	548	4497
„ 1903	...		14771	156478	598	5202
„ 1904	...		16567	164326	627	5269
„ 1905	...		18806	177665	663	5489
„ 1906	...		19593	183645	686	5742
„ 1907	...		20701	180152	678	5523
„ 1908	...		22004	186546	691	5631
„ 1909	...		22995	190007	722	6274
„ 1910	...		24489	194732	735	6046
„ 1911	...		25807	202385	752	6518
„ 1912	...		27076	206502	777	6623
„ 1913	...		28263	218305	824	6753
„ 1914	...		29399	210727	800	6990
„ 1915	...		30452	216161	816	7770
„ 1916	...		30395	215636	807	7093
„ 1917	...		30910	213550	802	6743
„ 1918	...		31483	225834	863	7417
„ 1919	...		32172	256436	968	8215
„ 1920	...		33299	228354	868	8095
„ 1921	...		34180	232952	890	7856
„ 1922	...		34810	265914	998	8740
Total issues	...	...	...	4609429		

## REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The number of **Volumes** is now 9,584, an increase of 304. The number of **Works consulted** was 10,079, as against 11,290, a decrease of 1,211; the number of readers being 4,313, as against 3,809.

The work of expanding the Card Catalogue is now practically complete, and the catalogue will render the consultation and use of books much easier to readers.

Among the additions to this department may be mentioned the Petition for Reprieve of one George Earnshaw, dated 1784; portions of the Court Rolls of the Manor of Slaithwaite, of various dates in the 16th century; and a Collection of Papers, Lectures and Addresses by, and Letters addressed to, the late Councillor Geo. Thomson, who was a member of the Committee from the inception of the Library, and Chairman from 1907 to 1917.

## COMPARATIVE TABLE.

April	Stock	Issues	March	Stock.	Issues.
22nd 1898	486		31st 1910	5464	4557
March			" 1911	5807	5959
31st 1899	1104	1765	" 1912	6208	6138
" 1900	1509	1770	" 1913	6658	5425
" 1901	1649	1765	" 1914	6965	7639
" 1902	2175	1808	" 1915	7272	7664
" 1903	3034	2458	" 1916	7505	7224
" 1904	3839	3975	" 1917	7858	6755
" 1905	4298	3574	" 1918	8119	7254
" 1906	4321	4642	" 1919	8653	10090
" 1907	4663	4337	" 1920	9005	10636
" 1908	4909	4827	" 1921	9280	11290
" 1909	4977	4959	" 1922	9584	10079

## PATENT LIBRARY.

The number of Specifications and Journals consulted was 1,491, as against 713 last year; the number of persons using this department being 184, as against 105.

## ALMONDBURY BRANCH.

The **number of volumes** in stock is now 3,015, an increase of 56. The **Issues** during the year were 5,733, as against 5,039, an increase of 694. (Table I., page 11). The **Number of Borrowers' Cards** in force is 219, as against 206. Non-Fiction (extra) Cards are held by 21 borrowers.

An interesting addition is the original sketch, by Sir Charles Nicholson, for the Almondbury War Memorial, presented by the Memorial Committee.

Arrangements were made for a class in English Literature in connection with the Humanistic Studies Department, Technical College, but owing to the meagre number of applicants this unfortunately had to be abandoned. Efforts are being made in this direction again this year. Such a class would, I think, do much to stimulate interest in the Branch Library.

## BINDING AND REPAIRS.

The number of volumes re-bound during the year was 1,571; last year 1,262. Many thousands of minor repairs have been carried out by the staff. An improvement over that obtaining in recent years in the quality of paper used for book production is to be noted. This, if continued, will tend to increase the life of both new and re-bound books with consequent effect upon this work. There are still, however, very large arrears to overtake.

## COMMERCIAL SECTION.

The publication of the Special List of Business Books and its supplement, noted in last year's report, has undoubtedly led to greater demand and enquiry. Some few enquiries have been made by telephone, and the use of certain books in the Reference Library, Telegraphic Codes in particular, has been well marked.



## SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

As noted in last year's report, the control of these Libraries was, following upon my report on the same and suggestions for re-organisation, taken over by the Education Office. The issues, though large, have not been during the last year at as high a rate as for the previous six months immediately following on re-organisation. This is doubtless due to the fact that renewals and additions have not been maintained. That the building up of these libraries should be steadily carried on is a necessity if the children are to develop the reading habit. The School Libraries are an excellent means of fostering this. To make readers is a step in making effective the work of the schools, and children accustomed to the use of books will continue and extend their reading after their school days are over.

## WORK WITH SCHOLARS.

The Juvenile Collection at the Central Library has been increased by 200 volumes, and particular attention has been given to replacing worn-out books. This section now contains 3,374 volumes, a good proportion of which are non-fictional in character.

The **Total Issue** was 39,352, an increase of 874 during the year. Of these, 4,465 were non-fiction issues.

In October last, a letter was sent to the Head Teacher of every Elementary School in the Borough suggesting the organisation of visits to the Central Library by parties of children on the eve of their leaving school. Seven parties, from four schools and comprising 94 children came, and were taken round the Library and the general plan of arrangement, classification and cataloguing explained to them. Much interest was taken by the children, and there is little doubt that most, if not all of them will use the free application form for a borrower's card which is given on leaving school, and become regular borrowers from the Library and be able to make full use of its resources.



## ART GALLERY.

Exhibitions and attendances during the 12 months :--

Huddersfield Art Society, April 16th to May				
21st (5 weeks)	...	...	...	7013
Textile Fabrics and Designs, June 13th to				
July 2nd (3 weeks)	..	..	..	6712
Permanent Collection, July 11th to Aug. 13th				
(5 weeks)	..	..	..	estimated 2050
Twelfth Autumn Exhibition of Oil Paintings				
and Water Colours, Sept. 1st to Nov. 26th				
(12½ weeks)	...	...	...	16648
Futurist Pictures, Posters, etc., Dec. 16th, 1921				
to Jan. 7th, 1922 (3 weeks)	...	...	...	2100
Oil Paintings, by J. Hodgson Lobley, Feb. 4th				
to March 4th (4 weeks)	...	...	...	5146
Total				39669

Last year, 5 Exhibitions ; 32,954 visitors.

Previous year, 5 Exhibitions ; 31,387 visitors.

The Textile Fabrics and Designs Exhibition, on loan from the British Institute of Industrial Art, was the first of their Exhibitions to be held out of London, and our application for the same, I believe, originated their scheme of sectional travelling exhibitions. Great interest was shewn by the large number of visitors attending the show, many of whom came from towns some distance away, and the high quality of design throughout the exhibition was much appreciated. The effect of such an exhibition must be great in bringing before the people a higher standard in applied design.

The Autumn Exhibition was again a great success, being visited by the largest number yet recorded in the series, the weekly average being 1,332. It is to be regretted, however, that more sales are not effected. The standard of work selected and shewn is of a high level.

The Exhibition of Futurist Pictures, Drawings, Posters, etc., was a source of interest from many points of view, and was provocative of some amount of discussion.

Additions to the Permanent Collection were as follow :—

#### OIL PAINTINGS.

“ In the Woods, Burnham Beeches,” by Charles France.  
Presented by H. T. Young, Esq.

Portrait of the late Edward Armitage, Esq. Presented  
by the Gas Committee.

#### SCULPTURE.

Two Marble Figures on Pedestals. Presented by Miss  
Inman.

#### SILHOUETTES.

Three Silhouette Portraits—1, Samuel Clay, by Foster, Huddersfield, 1824 ; 2, Thomas Smart, Poet and Printer, King Street, 1832 ; 3, John Blagbrough, by Frost. Purchased.

The inscriptions on the backs of these are, there is little doubt, in the handwriting of the late Mr. G. W. Tomlinson.

Two portraits in oils of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Crosland were accepted as gifts, but are remaining for the time being in possession of the donor.

The oil painting, “ Richmond Bridge,” by Alex Akerbladh, was lent to the artist for an exhibition in Stockholm.

#### STAFF.

The work in general suffered in consequence of the resignations of Senior Assistants noted in last year’s report, but efforts are being made to overcome arrears.

As it was not found practicable to fill the vacancy of first senior assistant, two junior assistants were appointed, Miss Nellie Booth and Miss Dorothy L. Haley.

## HUDDERSFIELD ROLL OF HONOUR.

Further steps have been taken to carry the compilation of this work further towards completion, but progress is very slow. It is now proposed to enlist the aid of the Press in securing additional names.

### GENERAL.

Lists of Periodicals and Donors of Books, etc. are again omitted this year, owing to the need for compression. 243 volumes and 185 pamphlets and a framed Record of the Jubilee of the Incorporation of the Borough have been received, to the donors of which the thanks of the Committee have in each instance been conveyed.

The Library Association Conference, held at Manchester, was attended by the Chairman and myself and a report of the proceedings was presented at the meeting of the Committee next following. Some interesting papers and discussions included among other subjects: "Standardisation of Library Appliances," "The Institut Internationale de Bibliographie; its work and possibilities of Co-operation," "Works Libraries," "Commercial Libraries," and "The Representation of Poetry in Public Libraries." An extremely interesting film depicting "American Public Library Work in France" in the devastated area was shown.

During the past two years in particular, mutilation of books has been noted to be on the increase. This is a matter in which it is peculiarly difficult to detect the culprits. It is to be hoped that a better sense of civic responsibility may become more general and tend to a decrease in this pernicious destruction of public property.

Owing to the very congested state of the shelves in both the Lending and Reference Libraries, it became necessary a few years ago to remove to a store room a large number of the less used books. This relief was only temporary in character, and again this weeding out has to be done. It is

much to be regretted that this course has to be taken, as once the books are removed from the open shelves they more or less become dead stock, the proportion of borrowers who consult the catalogues for their needs being very small.

In July last the Town Clerk reported to the Committee the completion of the Deed of Gift of the land in St. Peter's Street, by Sir J. F. Ramsden, as a site for a new Public Library and Art Gallery.

The site is an excellent one and will provide ample room for our needs when the time comes that progress can be made with the proposed new building thereon. Our present premises are wholly inadequate for the work of the Library and Art Gallery.

It was with deep regret that the Committee learnt of the death, on October 6th last, of Mr. Councillor Geo. Thomson, J.P., who was connected with the Library from its inception and as Chairman from 1907 to 1917.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

FREDK. C. COLE,

June 30th, 1922.

Librarian and Curator.

TABLE I.—Shewing the number of volumes in the Libraries at March 31st, 1921, the number added during the year, the numbers withdrawn and transferred, and the total at March 31st, 1922.

LENDING LIBRARIES.									
Class.	CENTRAL.					ALMONDBURY.			
	March 31st, 1921.	No. added.	No. of Withdrawals	Trans. to Almondbury.	Total at March 31st, 1922.		March 31st, 1921.	No. added inc. transfers.	Total at March 31st, 1922.
						Percentg			Percentg
A. Religion and Philosophy ..	1941	53	1	...	1993	5.7	110	1	111
B. Social Science ..	1650	71	...	...	1721	5.0	91	1	92
C. Natural Science ..	1657	55	4	...	1708	4.9	187	...	187
D. Fine and Useful Arts ..	4016	144	7	...	4153	11.9	244	5	249
E. History, Geography, and Travel ..	4414	78	14	...	4478	12.9	396	2	398
F. Biography ..	2405	62	2	...	2465	7.0	268	1	269
G. Language, Literature, and Poetry ..	2813	98	4	...	2907	8.4	233	1	234
H. Fiction ..	11299	319	364	...	11254	32.3	1159	43	1202
J. Juvenile ..	3220	200	46	...	3374	9.7	271	2	273
K. Magazines and Bibliography ..	765	5	13	...	757	2.2	...	...	...
Totals ..	34180	1085	455	...	34810	100	2959	56	3015
									100

REFERENCE LIBRARY.			
9280	304	...	9584





TABLE III.—Shewing the Total Annual Issues in each Class, and each Department.

Year ended Mar. 31st.	CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.											Alm'nd- bury Branch.	Refer- ence Library	Patent Library
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	Total.	D. Av		
1899	1486	536	1491	2795	4012	1865	2377	71377	11025	51	97015	386	1765	..
1900	1404	506	1673	3116	4891	1971	2469	88049	11073	96	115248	438	1770	..
1901	1416	687	1692	3801	5121	2312	2620	99162	11922	181	128914	493	1765	..
1902	1541	645	1853	5364	5028	2551	2850	108380	13216	517	141945	548	1808	..
1903	2193	728	2202	6693	5645	2860	3090	113837	17497	1733	156478	598	2458	+736
1904	2794	1248	2545	7700	6031	2702	3048	115953	21204	1101	164326	627	3975	880
1905	2777	1286	2776	9168	6291	2870	3448	123459	24370	1220	177665	663	3574	676
1906	2942	1552	2936	9311	6624	3017	4063	126653	25211	1336	183645	686	*782	576
1907	2844	1723	2323	8837	6481	3117	4756	123408	25735	928	180152	678	5176	4337
1908	2981	2292	2082	9607	6450	3157	4947	126682	27296	1052	186546	691	4470	4827
1909	2958	2073	2459	9093	6875	3511	5174	130187	26762	915	190007	722	3871	4959
1910	3413	1874	2695	9223	6486	3099	5019	135340	26890	684	194732	735	3695	4557
1911	3826	1720	3202	10825	7703	3611	5624	140172	25196	506	202385	752	4181	5959
1912	3551	1755	3541	11745	8739	4013	5665	143259	23626	608	206502	777	5129	6138
1913	3575	1684	3687	11871	8763	3607	5573	149257	29687	601	218305	824	5848	5425
1914	3643	1626	3825	12710	8860	3585	6246	144824	24542	866	210727	800	5445	7639
1915	3112	1736	3680	11959	8596	3289	6119	146316	30476	878	216161	816	6204	7664
1916	3004	2046	3721	11495	8214	3170	6014	138303	38325	1443	215636	807	5812	7224
1917	3089	2118	3827	10672	8578	3216	6119	136750	37959	1222	213550	802	5270	7655
1918	3081	2359	4205	11487	8640	3359	5840	150646	35010	1207	225834	863	5717	7254
1919	3151	3116	5068	14211	10571	4007	7476	163801	43510	1525	256436	968	6915	10090
1920	3056	2697	4546	13990	8954	3255	6653	148115	35970	1118	228354	868	5959	10636
1921	3055	2327	4368	13482	8445	3107	6977	155709	34535	947	232952	890	5039	11290
1922	3741	2529	5143	16339	9231	3717	7642	177144	39532	896	265914	998	5733	10079

\* Almondbury Branch opened February, 1906.

† Patent Library transferred from the Town Hall, July, 1902.

TABLE IV.—Shewing the Sex and Ages of Borrowers.

	CENTRAL.		ALMONDBURY.	
	Ordinary Cards.	Non-Fiction Cards.	Ordinary Cards.	Non-Fiction Cards.
(A.) Number of Ratepayers .. ..	2351	949	49	6
Number of Non-Ratepayers .. ..	6389	1985	149	15
	—	—	—	—
Totals .. ..	8740	2934	198	21
	—	—	—	—
(For Totals in previous years see Compar. Table p. 3).	11674		219	
Total number of Tickets in force .. ..	11893			
(B.) Number of Males .. ..	4576	..	76	..
Number of Females .. ..	4164	..	122	..
	—	—	—	—
Totals .. ..	8740	..	198	..
(C.) Ages of Borrowers (Non-Ratepayers only) :—				
11 to 12 .. ..	676	..	19	..
13 to 15 .. ..	965	..	20	..
16 to 20 .. ..	1202	..	23	..
21 to 30 .. ..	1223	..	18	..
31 to 40 .. ..	493	..	10	..
41 to 60 .. ..	332	..	8	..
61 and over .. ..	49	..	2	..
Not stated .. ..	1449	..	49	..
	—	—	—	—
Totals .. ..	6389	..	149	..

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES ISSUES,

April, 1921, to March, 1922.

School.	Issues.	School.	Issues.
MIXED.		BOYS.	
Almondbury C.E. ...	1477	Beaumont Street Council	2196
Almondbury Council ...	1257	Goitfield Council ...	1117
Berry Brow Council ...	1505	Hillhouse Council ...	2712
Birkby Council ...	2442	Moldgreen Council ...	2242
Bradley C.E. ...	2031	Mount Pleasant Council ...	2892
Cowcliffe C.E. ...	181	Oakes Council ...	1891
Crosland Moor C.E. ...	1016	Paddock C.E. ...	1227
Crosland Moor Council ...	1909	Parish Church ...	1398
Deighton Council ...	1716	Stile Common Council ...	2220
Lindley C.E. ...	1857		
Lockwood C.E. ...	1391		
Longroyd Bridge C.E. ...	602		
Longwood C.E. ...	804	GIRLS.	
Lowerhouses C.E. ...	404	Beaumont Street Council	1858
Moldgreen C.E. ...	1297	Hillhouse Council ...	2683
Newsome C.E. ...	1522	Moldgreen Council ...	1524
Outlane Council ...	3327	Mount Pleasant Council ...	2062
Paddock Council ...	4177	Oakes Council ...	2254
Rashcliffe C.E. ...	2639	Paddock C.E. ...	1684
St. Andrew's C.E....	1084	Parish Church ...	1614
St. John's C.E. ...	1404	Spark Hall Council ...	1126
St. Patrick's R.C ...	1814	Stile Common Council ...	1627
St. Paul's C.E. ...	2897		
Spring Grove Council ...	3615		
Trinity C.E. ...	779		
Woodhouse C.E. ...	1160		
		Total	78634

## APPENDIX.

TABLE 1.—GENERAL.

Population...	...	...	...	...	...	110,120
Amount of Rate	...	...	...	...	...	1½d.
Cost of Library Service per inhabitant	...	...	...	...	...	5.4d.
*Total cost of Library per inhabitant	...	...	...	...	...	9.3d.
No. of Branches	...	...	...	...	...	1
No. of Staff (Whole Time) :						
Male	...	...	...	...	...	5
Female	...	...	...	...	...	8
No. of Staff (Part Time) :						
Male	...	...	...	...	...	1
Female	...	...	...	...	...	1

} including Branch

\* Includes Art Gallery expenditure.

TABLE 2.—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

INCOME :—						Percentage of Total.
From Rate	...	...	...	...	£3687	86.3
Library Receipts (Fines, Catalogues, etc.)	...	...	...	...	£388	9.1
Other sources	...	...	...	...	£23	.6
Debit Balance, March 31st, 1922	...	...	...	...	£178	4.0
Total	...	...	...	...	£4276	100.0
LIBRARY SERVICE EXPENDITURE :						
Books	...	...	...	...	£622	14.6
Binding and Repairing	...	...	...	...	£194	4.5
Newspapers and Periodicals	...	...	...	...	£229	5.4
Fittings and Furniture	...	...	...	...	£44	1.0
Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	...	£113	2.6
Salaries	...	...	...	...	£1308	30.6
Total	...	...	...	...	£2510	58.7

**TABLE 2.—Continued.**

FABRIC CHARGES (Library Proportion):						Percentage of Total.
Rent	...	...	...	...	£222	5.2
Rates and Taxes	...	...	...	...	£79	1.8
Upkeep of Building	...	...	...	...	£69	1.6
Heating and Lighting (including wages of caretakers, &c.)	...	...	...	...	£406	9.5
Total	...	...	...	...	£776	18.1
Art Gallery	...	...	...	...	£559	13.1
Almondbury Branch	...	...	...	...	£165	3.9
Debit Balance, 31st March, 1921	...	...	...	...	£257	6.0
Bank Interest	...	...	...	...	£9	.2
Total Expenditure	...	...	...	...	£4276	100.0

**TABLE 3.—STOCKS.**

	Lending Libraries. Central.	Branch.	Reference Library.
No. of vols. at beginning of year	34180	2959	9280
No. of vols. withdrawn during year ... ..	455	—	—
Additions during year... .. *(including 718 Replacements)	*1085	56	304
Total vols. at end of year ...	34180	3015	9584
Volumes per head of population	.34 per head		.08 per head

**TABLE 4.—ISSUES.**

	Totals.	Daily Average.
Central Lending Library ... ..	265,914	998
Branch Library ... ..	5,733	57
Reference Library recorded issues ...	11,570	43
Reference Library Open Shelves (estimated)	26,000	98
Total Issues ... ..	309,217	
Issues from Lending Library per head of population ... ..	2.4	
Total Issues, per head of population ...	2.8	

**TABLE 5.—BORROWERS.**

No. of Actual Borrowers ... ..	8938
Percentage of Borrowers to population ... ..	8.1
No. of Supplementary Readers' Tickets held ...	2955
Total Borrowers' Tickets in use (valid for one year)	11893

## COUNTY BOROUGH OF HUDDERSFIELD.

## Public Library and Art Gallery Fund Account for the year ended March 31st 1922.

EXPENDITURE.		LIBRARY.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries and Wages	.....	1493	0	5					
Furniture, Fittings and Repairs	.....	44	6	5					
Advertising, Printing and Stationery	..	112	15	1					
Rents, Rates, Taxes, and Water	.....	301	9	9					
Fuel and Lighting	.....	209	15	7					
Insurance	.....	10	0	10					
New Books and Binding	.....	816	5	9					
Newspapers and Periodicals	.....	228	15	11					
Subscriptions to Societies	.....	14	14	0					
Cleaning Materials, Librarian's Disbursements and Miscellaneous	....	54	16	4					
					3286	0	1		
ART GALLERY.									
Salaries and Wages	.....	129	1	0					
Furniture and Fittings	.....	2	1	0					
Advertising, Printing and Stationery	..	96	19	8					
Rents, Rates, Taxes, and Water	....	62	18	4					
Fuel and Lighting	.....	33	11	4					
Purchase of Pictures	.....	26	10	0					
Selecting and Hanging Pictures	.....	57	1	7					
Collecting and Carriage of Pictures	...	115	12	6					
Insurance	.....	22	4	6					
Curator's Disbursements, etc.	.....	13	12	3					
					559	12	2		
ALMONDBURY BRANCH LIBRARY.									
Wages	.....	58	18	1					
Newspapers and Magazines	.....	37	13	2					
Fuel and Lighting	.....	22	6	0					
Rents, Rates, Taxes, Water, & Insurance	.....	29	4	6					
Repairs and Sundries	.....	16	12	11					
					164	14	8		
Bank Interest	.....				8	18	6		
Due to Treasurer, March 31st, 1921	.....				256	14	5		
					£4275	19	10		





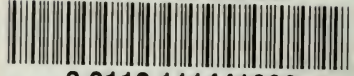








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